PROCEEDINGS of the Thirty-Seventh
ANNUAL CONVENTION of the

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of NEBRASKA,

HELD IN ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH,
SOUTH AUBURN, NEB., September 22–26, 1909,
Rev. M. L. Kunkelman, M. D., Pastor.

Also the MINUTES of the Twenty-Ninth
ANNUAL CONVENTION of the

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

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Synodical Calendar, 1909-1910.

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SPEAKERS FOR 1910.

Wednesday Night.
Synodical Sermon. Rev. L. GROH, D. D., *President.*

Principal.	Thursday Night.	*Alternate.*
	CATECHISATION.	
Rev. M. L. MELICK,		Rev. W. C. HEIDENREICH.
	Friday Night.	
	ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE.	
	(Arranged by Committee.)	
Rev. J. A. KOSER,	Rev. R. A. WHITE,	Rev. M. L. MELICK.
	Saturday Afternoon, 3 o'clock.	
	PREPARATORY SERVICES.	
Rev. H. C. BIXLER,		Rev. N. P. GROSE.
	Saturday Night.	
Rev. GEO. N. MENDENHALL,	"The Brotherhood,"	Rev. L. J. POWELL.
	Sunday Morning.	
	COMMUNION.	
Rev. H. A. WOLFE,		Rev. B. F. KISTLER.
	Sunday Night.	
	ORDINATION.	
Rev. L. P. LUDDEN, D. D.,		Rev. M. F. TROXELL, D. D.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Place—Beatrice. *Time*—September 23, 1910.

PROCEEDINGS of the Thirty-seventh ANNUAL CONVENTION of the

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of NEBRASKA,

HELD IN ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH,
SOUTH AUBURN, NEB., September 22–26, 1909.

Pursuant to adjournment the Thirty-seventh Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska met in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, South Auburn, Nebraska, September 22nd to 26th, 1909, Rev. M. L. Kunkelman, M. D., pastor.

EVENING SERVICE.

WEDNESDAY, 8:00 o'clock.

The Synodical sermon was preached by Rev. L. Groh, D. D., President of Synod. Text: 1 Cor. iv. 9.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, 8:30 A. M.

Half-hour devotional service, conducted by Rev. R. W. Livers.

At nine o'clock Synod was called to order by the President, and after the liturgical order of service, was declared open and ready for business.

Roll was called and credentials of lay delegates were received.

Synodical Roll.

	Clerical.	Entered Ministry.	Address.	Lay Delegates.
1	W. F. Easter, D. D., *a. e.*	1841	Crete.	
2	S. L. Awbrey, D. D.	1858	Spokane, Wash.	
3	J. F. Kuhlman, *a. e.*	1858	Pawnee City.	
4	J. G. Greenmiller, D. D.	1858	Accident, Md.	
5	B. Sickel, *a. e.*	1862	Marysville, Kans.	
6	L. Groh, D. D., *a. e.*	1863	Omaha	Ralph Weller.
7	M. L. Kunkelman, M. D.	1866	South Auburn	C. E. Blessing.
8	J. L. Hammond	1870	Homer.	
9	L. L. Lape	1871	Grand Island	Augustus Neuman.
10	D. Z. Foulk, *a. e.*	1873	York Springs, Pa.	
11	I. N. Augustine, *a. e.*	1874	Grand Island.	
12	J. A. Keser	1874	Nebraska City	B. H. Noelting.
13	J. A. Lowe	1876	Wilber	F. J. Robertson, M. D.
14	G. W. Fraser	1878	Omaha.	
15	L. P. Ludden, D. D.	1878	Lincoln.	
16	A. P. Ludwig	1879	Jamestown, Mo.	
17	Henry Heiner	1879	Lincoln.	
18	W. G. Gettle, *a. e.*	1880	Table Rock.	
19	M. L. Mehck	1880	Omaha	John Hay Kuhns.
20	M. F. Troxell, D. D.	1881	Atchison, Kans.	
21	L. M. Kahns	1885	Omaha.	
22	R. A. White	1886	York	M. L. Warner.
23	S. R. Elson	1889	Omaha.	
24	J. F. Seibert	1891	North Platte.	
25	A. E. Dritz	1891	Ponca	Frank Bauer.
26	W. C. Eckert	1891	Dakota City.	
27	H. C. Bixler	1892	Bruning	Harrison Keim.
28	N. P. Gause	1893	Sutherland.	
29	C. J. Ringer	1894	Wayne	Robt. Stambaugh, *a. e.*
30	J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	1894	Los Angeles, Cal.	
31	H. A. Wolfe	1894	Davenport.	
32	W. S. Oberholtzer	1895	Dakota City.	
33	M. D. Berg	1896	Hardy.	
34	B. F. Kistler	1896	Benson	Hans Johnsen.
35	G. W. Livers	1899	Benedict	H. P. Walker.
36	E. H. Combs	1899	Potter	Rev. D. H. Shultz.
37	J. E. Hammon	1901	Omaha	Allen Koch.
38	R. M. Badger	1902	Beatrice	Chas. Neidhart.
39	C. H. E. Lewis, *a. e.*	1904	Lincoln	J. J. Stein, *a. e.*
40	L. J. Powell	1904	West Point	Stephen Person.
41	Gustav Klatt	1905	Stamford.	
42	R. W. Livers	1905	South Omaha.	
43	W. C. Heidenreich, *a. e.*	1906	Oshkosh.	
44	F. R. Shirck	1906	Stella	W. H. Hogrefe.
45	C. R. Lowe	1906	Rising City.	
46	L. F. Sanderman	1907	Sidney	Herman Schroeder.
47	Geo. N. Mendenhall	1908	Atchison, Kans.	
..	.....	....	Tekamah	G. A. Crannell.
..	.....	....	Wolbach	Chris. Mortensen.
..	.....	....	Hubbard.	
..	.....	....	McCool Junction.	
..	.....	....	Waverly.	

a. e. Absent and excused.

Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Western Secretary of the Board of Church Extension and Rev. F. D. Altman, D. D., President of the Western Theological Seminary and representative of the Board of Education, were received in their official capacities, and given the privilege of the floor of Synod. The hour of 2 p. m. was set to hear Dr. Yarger, to be followed by Dr. Altman.

Rev. J. F. Krueger, a member of the German Nebraska Synod, and Rev. D. H. Shultz, member of the Rocky Mountain Synod, were invited to a seat with the Synodical body.

The President's Report was read and referred to the proper Committee.

President's Report.

To the Synod of Nebraska. In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

Fathers and Brethren:

By His grace I am permitted to "deliver my account." How quickly the year has passed. When thought of as a whole it seems as the shadow of a passing cloud. When considered by items, facts or events it looks like an extended period. In many respects the year was remarkable. But our Synod is not materially affected by new inventions, discoveries, enterprises, or farm products of $7,780,000,000, yet the spiritual uplift or depression is in a measure helped or hindered by surroundings.

Our field has been widened. New openings have been made. The work is plentiful and promising. The workmen are few. As a body, Synod has been favored during the year. Health, activity and prosperity have been ours. Some families had sorrows and afflictions. A month after our last meeting (Sept., 1908), our venerable brother Rev. J. Zimmerman, of Lincoln, passed away. In May, Prof. A. E. Littell, son-in-law of Rev. C. J. Ringer, after a long illness went to his reward. For months Rev. Dr. Kunkelman, pastor *loci*, has battled with bodily weakness. Rev. L. F. Gunderman and family passed through a siege of sad affliction. Our sympathy to all; our submission in all things to God's Almighty rulings. "My grace is sufficient for thee," comes to us with the same power and cheering comfort as it came to Paul. Phil. iv. 6.

DISMISSALS.

On January 9, 1909, a letter of honorable dismissal was granted to Rev. W. F. Poot, LL. D., to the Kansas Synod.

On August 3d, a letter of honorable dismissal was given to Rev. H. E. Zimmerman. He has accepted a congregation in the Pittsburgh Synod, G. C. He has united with that body.

RESIGNATIONS.

The resignation of Rev. J. A. Lowe at Beatrice took effect September 1, 1908.

On January 29th, Rev. J. L. Hammond informed me that he had resigned the Waverly charge. He ended his work there April 1st.

Rev. C. H. B. Lewis, Grace church, Lincoln, informed me May 11th of his resignation. His work closed July 1st.

Rev. Geo. N. Mendenhall resigned as pastor at McCool. The resignation went into effect August 30th.

After nine years of strenuous, successful work, Rev. J. F. Seibert offered his resignation and closed his labors at North Platte, August 30th.

Rev. L. F. Gunderman has resigned at Sidney, and preaches his last sermon September 26th.

A month ago Rev. W. S. Oberholtzer informed me that he had resigned the Dakota charge. He expects to close his work October 1st.

CALLS ACCEPTED.

Having accepted a call to the church at Wilber, Rev. J. A. Lowe entered upon his work there December 1st.

Rev. J. L. Hammond was unanimously called to the church at Homer. He began his work May 1st.

Rev. N. P. Grose was called as pastor by the churches of Paxton and Sutherland. He entered upon his duties there January 1st.

Rev. M. D. Berg, having been called by the church at Hardy, assumed its pastorate April 1st.

Rev. Fuller Bergstresser was called to the pastorate of Grace church, Lincoln. He begins his work there October 17th.

Rev. R. W. Dowd has informally accepted a call to the Tekamah charge, and expects to be on the field in October.

INSTALLATIONS.

Rev. R. M. Badger was installed at Beatrice by Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D., February 7th.

On February 14th, your President and Rev. C. J. Ringer installed Rev. L. J. Powell at West Point.

On February 28th, Rev. L. F. Gunderman installed Rev. E. H. Combs at Potter.

On July 28th, your President installed Rev. N. P. Grose as pastor of the Sutherland-Paxton charge.

NEW CHURCHES AND IMPROVEMENTS.

On April 18th a new church at Hubbard was dedicated. The people deserve much praise. (The sisters were the main promoters.) Without pastor or regular organization they built a very fine church. It is a new point.

Rev. W. C. Heidenreich, of Oshkosh, and his good people, on June 20th, dedicated a new church free of debt. It is the best, neatest, most churchly in the county.

Others have made improvements. Rev. B. F. Kistler's new church at Benson will soon be completed. Rev. R. A. White, of York, has bought and much improved a church. Grace church, Omaha, has made improvement for $600 to $800. The First church of South Omaha, Rev. R. W. Livers, pastor, has bought a splendid property and is building a new church. Corner-stone will be laid October 3rd. All aided by the Board of Home Missions will come before Synod through the Advisory Board.

St. Mark's, Omaha, has paid a $1,000 note July 1st. Hence it will pay interest no longer.

VACANCIES.

Waverly and Yutan charge, South Sioux and Hubbard, Wolbach and Ericson, Sidney, Chappell and Lodge Pole, McCool, Pawnee, Dakota and Salem charge.

SUPPLIES.

Some of these vacancies have had no services for a long time. Your President has visited ten of them with Word and Sacrament. None had regular supplies. Some had it very sparingly. Tekemah and Grace charge has lately found regular supply in Mr. R. W. Dowd. Since June 15th, our venerable brother, Rev. J. F. Kuhlman, has regularly supplied the so-called Kerl church, eight miles south of Pawnee. God's best blessing has rested upon his labors. He and the church are renewing their youth.

NEW MEMBERS.

On July 15th, Rev. H. C. Bixler, of the Synod of Central Pennsylvania, began his work at Bruning. On August 9th, I received his honorable dismissal from that body and his name was put on our roll.

Rev. Fuller Bergstresser has accepted Grace church, of Lincoln, and Mr. R. W. Dowd the Tekamah charge informally. Rev. Bergstresser comes from the Kansas Synod, and will be placed on our roll in October.

Rev. M. D. Berg returned his dismissal without having placed it elsewhere.

The State Federation of Churches, the Breklum Seminary and matters of the Board of Education will come before Synod in the report of Committee on Letters and Papers. To them I referred letters from Rev. Lewis, Rev. Prof. Jensen and Rev. Dr. Gotwald respectively.

In closing my report I am pleased to say that the kind brotherliness and cheery helping hand greeting me everywhere during the year were much beyond the ordinary and fully appreciated. When I say I am deeply thankful I mean far more than a perfunctory expression.

VISITING.

During the year I visited 21 of our pastors, 10 of the vacancies, preached in all the vacancies and in 19 of the churches not vacant. I traveled 5,500 miles—no bill for that. Wrote hundreds of letters—have a postage bill of $8.50.

Respectfully submitted, L. GROH.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Rev. C. R. Lowe, and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Treasurer's Report.

Brethren of the Nebraska Synod:

Herewith is submitted my seventh annual report as Treasurer for the year ending September 13th, 1909:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand last report	$1535 80
Received for General Synod	62 73
Received for Synodical Treasury	300 65
Received for Home Missions	897 11
Received for Foreign Missions	710 86
Received for Church Extension	518 55
Received for Board of Education	496 82
Received for Ministerial Education	562 19
Received for Pastors' Fund	206 43
Received for Nachusa Orphans' Home	138 54
Received for Deaconess Board	231 50
Received for National Lutheran Home	152 56
Received for Tabitha Home	230 91
Received for Midland Library Endowment	212 02
Received for external objects	134 00
Total	$6390 67

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Treasurer of General Synod		$78 68
Paid Treasurer of Home Missions		1061 05
Paid Treasurer of Foreign Missions		861 40
Paid Treasurer of Church Extension		640 00
Paid Treasurer of Board of Education		580 72
Paid Treasurer of Pastors' Fund		260 24
Paid Treasurer of Nachusa Orphans' Home		162 46
Paid Treasurer of Deaconess Board		271 60
Paid Treasurer of National Home		180 76
Paid Treasurer of Tabitha Home		238 26
Paid Treasurer of Midland College		272 72
Paid Treasurer of Western Theological Seminary		85 00
Paid R. A. White, special contributions		24 00
Paid from Synodical Mission Fund—		
Rev. L. Groh	$25 00	
Rev. L. F. Gunderman	16 00	
		$41 00
Paid from Ministerial Education Fund—		
Martin Mortensen	$125 00	
R. Fred White	125 00	
Floyd Blessing	125 00	
R. R. Weissmiller	125 00	
		500 00
Paid from Synodical Treasury—		
Rev. J. A. Koser	$2 54	
Rev. M. L. Melick	6 56	
Rev. C. J. Ringer	1 00	
Rev. J. A. Lowe	21 78	
Rev. C. H. B. Lewis	95	
Rev. J. F. Seibert	29 00	
Rev. R. M. Badger	2 15	
Rev. J. E. Hummon	12 80	
Rev. G. W. Livers	4 95	
Rev. C. W. Heidenreich	2 25	
Paul Springer & Co.	1 35	
Lutheran Publication Society	207 20	
Jos. H. Miller	14 85	
		307 38
Cash on hand		825 40
Total		$6390 67

Cash on hand is as follows—

Synodical Mission Fund	$624 61
Ministerial Education	107 58
Synodical Treasury	93 21
Total	$825 40

It will be seen from the Treasurer's exhibit for the year that $4,854.87 has been received for the various objects; that 24 churches have equaled and exceeded their apportionment; that some of those that have exceeded the apportionment have left some of the objects unpaid. Brethren, this ought not so to be. All objects should receive consideration.

There is a deficit on the various objects of $857.74. Tabitha alone has an excess.

There was paid to the various objects, according to vouchers, $5,565.27.

Arland R. Briggs returned the money he received from the Ministerial Education Fund with interest on same from time he received it.

The report is much better than that of a year ago, but brethren, ought we not to raise the whole apportionment as a Synod? I am afraid the blue envelopes have not been used as they should have been.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF MONEY RECEIVED SINCE SEPTEMBER 14.

Omaha, Grace	$33 36
Sidney	14 09
Dakota, Salem	32 30
Pawnee City	10 00
Homer	30 90
Grand Island	20 07
Paxton	7 00
Sutherland	3 00
Rev. Henry Heiner	2 00
Dakota City (Salem)	5 38
Rev. G. W. Fraser	2 00
Omaha (Grace)	37 60
Homer	1 60
Samuel Augher	8 00
Total of Supplementary Report	$207 30

Respectfully submitted, JOS. H. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

Treasurer's Exhibit for the Synodical Year.

	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Nachusa Home.	Deaconess Board.	National Lutheran Home.	Tabitha Home.	Midland Library Endowment.	External Objects.	Totals.	Per Cent. of Appor-tionment Paid.
Auburn	$1 40	.....	$21 00	.....	$14 60	$14 00	.....	$4 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$55 30	49.68
Beatrice	3 40	$17 00	51 00	$43 00	34 00	34 00	$25 50	11 90	$8 50	$14 73	$8 50	$3 40	$17 00	.....	271 93	100.60
Benedict, Bethel	56	2 80	8 40	7 00	5 60	5 60	4 20	1 96	2 97	2 24	1 40	2 12	4 61	.....	49 46	111.09
Benedict, Zion	1 36	6 80	20 40	10 00	13 60	13 71	5 63	4 76	3 40	2 00	2 54	3 30	6 80	.....	94 30	87.21
Benson	.....	.....	16 21	3 97	5 80	6 82	.....	.....	4 50	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	40 30	27.26
Dakota, Emmanuel	42	2 15	6 30	1 25	9 07	5 79	3 15	1 47	.....	3 38	2 10	50	2 10	.....	41 68	124.82
Dakota, Salem	1 76	8 60	10 80	8 00	5 00	6 40	12 90	6 02	4 30	6 88	4 30	2 67	8 60	.....	86 23	63.06
Davenport	1 50	7 50	37 50	36 25	15 00	15 30	11 25	5 29	14 30	6 00	4 00	5 50	7 50	.....	166 89	139.94
Ericson	32	1 00	5 00	4 56	.....	7 25	2 40	1 16	3 00	1 30	90	32	.....	.....	27 21	100.95
Grand Island	6 39	14 20	42 60	35 50	26 68	24 13	21 30	9 94	9 50	11 36	8 03	.....	.....	.....	209 63	91.26
Hardy	1 50	7 50	29 27	18 85	15 00	15 00	11 25	5 25	3 75	6 00	3 75	51 61	7 50	.....	176 23	147.78
Hardy, Jewell	44	2 20	7 38	12 00	4 40	4 40	3 30	1 54	1 10	1 76	1 10	8 41	2 43	.....	50 46	144.25
Hendley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Homer	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1.79
Lewellen	60	3 00	9 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	4 50	1 00	1 40	1 00	2 10	2 40	.....	.....	43 00	90.14
Lincoln	6 38	30 17	36 00	45 00	40 98	18 24	43 17	11 41	.....	18 04	8 15	3 20	.....	.....	260 74	170.80
McCool Junction	94	4 70	.....	.....	.....	2 96	7 05	3 29	2 35	3 76	2 35	.....	.....	.....	27 40	36.66
Nebraska City	2 24	11 20	20 73	24 11	15 00	10 40	10 80	7 84	8 96	5 60	5 60	1 67	9 08	.....	130 23	78.18
North Platte	3 40	17 00	51 00	57 50	34 00	34 00	26 00	11 90	8 50	13 00	8 50	44 50	17 00	.....	326 90	120 98
Omaha, Grace	.....	.....	19 70	13 75	.....	4 00	10 24	8 96	.....	.....	6 40	.....	.....	.....	63 05	30.04
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	7 82	39 10	131 50	97 75	78 20	78 20	58 65	27 37	19 55	31 28	12 55	7 82	39 10	.....	635 89	102.28
Omaha, St. Mark	.....	.....	33 60	43 00	21 28	22 40	16 80	7 84	5 60	12 92	8 20	57 24	5 20	$24 00	258 08	131.44
Orleans	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oshkosh	38	1 90	5 70	4 75	3 80	3 86	2 85	1 33	95	2 09	95	38	1 90	.....	30 78	101.88
Pawnee City	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 40	.....	60	1 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00	9.43
Paxton	.....	.....	18 48	10 35	5 75	.....	9 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43 69	42.83
Ponca	4 00	18 50	30 00	25 00	20 00	20 00	15 00	7 00	5 00	8 00	5 00	2 00	10 00	.....	169 50	100.00
Potter	34	1 70	6 59	4 25	3 40	3 40	2 55	1 19	85	1 36	1 85	34	1 70	.....	29 32	109.21
Rising City	1 22	9 76	28 00	14 00	11 40	11 20	8 40	3 92	2 80	4 84	2 80	1 12	5 60	.....	105 06	117.09
Roca	28	1 40	7 00	3 50	5 00	2 80	2 10	98	70	1 12	70	28	1 40	.....	27 26	122.64
Sidney	1 00	3 50	15 00	7 15	4 79	7 02	7 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45 96	57.80
South Omaha	1 26	6 30	18 90	15 75	12 60	12 60	9 45	4 41	3 15	5 04	3 15	1 26	6 30	.....	100 17	100.00

Treasurer's Exhibit for the Synodical Year.—*Concluded.*

	Central Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Nachusa Home.	Deaconess Board.	National Lutheran Home.	Tabitha Home.	Midland Library Endowment.	External Objects.	Totals.	Per Cent. of Appropriation Paid.
South Sioux City	.....	.....	$12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$15 00	12.59
Stamford	$1 66	$8 30	24 90	$20 75	$16 60	$16 60	$12 45	$7 81	$4 15	$8 27	$6 15	$1 66	$18 20	.....	147 60	103.01
Stella	56	2 80	30 35	32 35	21 00	15 65	4 20	11 96	2 00	3 43	2 50	2 00	2 80	.....	131 60	295.58
Surprise	88	1 97	11 12	9 72	6 50	.....	6 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 79	52.56
Sutherland	68	3 40	10 50	8 50	6 80	6 80	5 10	2 38	5 00	2 72	1 70	10 68	3 40	$5 00	72 36	124.64
Tekamah, Immanuel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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Waverly	3 70	9 00	16 50	7 45	3 05	9 85	16 50	6 30	2 00	7 20	4 50	6 82	6 50	.....	90 37	68.53
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West Point	1 60	6 50	10 00	8 75	5 60	5 00	5 25	2 45	1 75	2 80	1 85	70	3 50	.....	55 75	100.00
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Rev. L. P. Ludden	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....
Rev. J. G. Groenmiller	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....
Rev. M. F. Troxell	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....
Rev. D. Z. Foulk	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....
Rev. W. G. Gettle	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....
Rev. A. T. Ludwig	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....
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Excess	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

* Money returned to Ministerial Education Fund by beneficiary. Deducting same from Benevolence leaves deficit.

Historian's Report.

Your Historian submits the following report:

In conformity with the request of Synod a year ago your Historian has advanced the completion of the history of Synod as rapidly as accuracy and finances have permitted. Beginning with the first recorded action regarding mission work in Nebraska, we believe we have about all the important data beginning with October, 1857, and leading up to the organization of Synod September 1, 1871.

These facts leading up to the organization were the most difficult to get. Of those following the organization we have the histories of 26 churches, leaving still a number who have not responded to our repeated requests to fill the outline of the history wanted.

We procured quotations of prices for binding and printing of the history anticipated and are prepared to give these figures to Synod.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend:

1. That Synod during the present convention make some adequate provisions to cover the cost of publishing its history.

2. That Rev. R. A. White be hereby elected to take the place of Rev. Dr. J. W. Ball to write the history of Tabitha Home and Hospital, and that Rev. Luther M. Kuhns be continued to write the history of the Young People's Society in the state; Miss Elizabeth S. Haase to write the history of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society; that Rev. M. F. Troxell write the history of Midland College, and Rev. F. D. Altman write the history of the Western Theological Seminary.

3. That all pastors who possibly can, and have not already done so, furnish photographs of our respective church buildings and parsonages in present use and also those that were used formerly as such. Also photographs of the respective pastors from which cuts are to be made not to exceed 2 by 2½ inches, all the respective pastors bearing the expense of the individuals, and the congregations bearing the expenses of the churches.

5. That since this is the history of the General Lutheran Church work in Nebraska, which work was commenced October, 1858, or 50 years ago last October. This history should be the work particularly of the present year, therefore we recommend that Synod fix December 31, 1909, as the limit of time when the histories of all the local churches as institutions of the Synod shall by our respective pastors be sent in to the Historian.

* Money returned to Ministerial Education Fund by beneficiary. Deducting same from Benevolence leaves deficit.

Your Historian presents for

Printing of letter heads and paper	$2 25
Envelopes and printing	1 75
Postage	3 40
History note book	25
	$7 65

Respectfully submitted, M. L. MELICK.

The report was read, adopted seriatim, and as a whole.

Rev. E. Von Nussbaum, fraternal delegate from the German Nebraska Synod was introduced, and brought greetings from that body.

The report of the Statistical Secretary was read. (See Parochial Table)

Mr. C. E. Blessing, with the local pastor and Secretary of Synod were appointed as a committee for Sunday services.

On motion, it was determined to postpone the anniversary exercises one year.

On motion, Mr. John Hay Kuhns was appointed to address Synod Friday night.

Committee on reception of new congregations was appointed as follows: Revs. J. E. Hummon, J. L. Hammond and E. H. Combs.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

President—Rev. L. Groh, D. D.

Secretary—Rev. Ralph W. Livers.

Statistical Secretary—Rev. C. J. Ringer.

Treasurer—Joseph H. Miller, M. D.

Historian—Rev. M. L. Melick.

Committee on reception of new congregations reported as follows:

Report of Committee on Application of New Congregations.

Applications for membership into the Synod have been received from the First Evangelical Lutheran church, Burning, Nebraska; Trinity Lutheran church, Hubbard, Nebraska. We have examined applications, papers, constitutions, etc., and find them to accord with the requirements of General Synod. We recommend that these congregations be received into the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. HUMMON,
J. L. HAMMOND,
E. H. COMBS.

Adopted.

The hours for convening and adjourning were fixed as follows: 9 to 11:30 a. m. and 2 to 5 p. m.

On motion the bar of Synod was fixed within the sixth row of pews.

Adjourned with prayer.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 p. m.

Synod opened with prayer.

The minutes of previous session were read and approved.

The schedule of special committees was read.

Schedule of Committees.

1. *Committee on President's Report*—Revs. J. A. Lowe, H. C. Bixler, Gustav Klatt.

2. *Auditing Committee*—Revs. E. H. Combs, H. A. Wolfe, Mr. Hans Johnsen.

3. *Committee on North Platte Conference*—Revs. H. A. Wolfe, M. D. Berg, R. M. Badger.

4. *Committee on South Platte Conference*—Revs. B. F. Kistler, N. P. Grose, Gustav Klatt.

5. *Committee on Western Conference*—Revs. L. J. Powell, R. A. White, Mr. Harrison Keim.

6. *Committee on State of Church*—Revs. J. E. Hummon, C. J. Ringer, M. L. Melick.

7. *Committee on Excuses*—Revs. F. R. Shirck, R. M. Badger, Mr. John H. Kuhns.

8. *Committee on Leave of Absence*—Revs. H. A. Wolfe, C. R. Lowe, Mr. Charles Neidhart.

9. *Committee on Letters and Papers*—Revs. M. L. Melick, L. L. Lipe, L. J. Powell.

10. *Committee on Resolutions*—Revs. J. E. Hummon, M. F. Troxell, D. D., Mr. Harrison Keim.

11. *Committee on Apportionment*—Rev. C. R. Lowe, A. E. Deitz, Mr. Chris. Mortensen.

12. *Committee on Vacancies*—Revs. J. A. Koser, M. L. Kunkelman, J. L. Hammond.

13. *Committee on Calendar*—Revs. G. W. Livers, E. H. Combs, B. F. Kistler.

14. *Committee on Claims*—Revs. M. D. Berg, G. N. Mendenhall, Mr. G. A. Crannell.

15. *Devotional Committee*—Rev. M. L. Kunkelman, Mr. C. E. Blessing, Rev. R. W. Livers.

16. *Assistant Secretary*—Rev. E. H. Combs.

17. *Committee on Protocol*—Revs. M. D. Berg, F. R. Shirck, Gustav Klatt.

18. *Obituary Committee*—Revs. R. A. White, L. M. Kuhns, Mr. G. A. Crannell.

The hour having arrived to hear Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., the floor was given him to present the cause of Church Extension.

Rev. F. D. Altman, D. D., President of the Western Theological Seminary, then presented the cause of the Board of Education.

Report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was read.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

We, to whom you have entrusted this department of our Synodical work, beg leave to submit the following:

Four young men in behalf of whom this Synod at its last session appropriated $125.00 each received their amounts respectively in full. No formal applications were made to your committee during the interim. Three of these young men were in the collegiate department, namely, Floyd Blessing, a Junior; Ralph Weissmiller, a Sophomore, and Martin Mortensen, a Freshman. These, as the reports indicate, have done credit to themselves, have finished their work in these respective classes and have been advanced to those that naturally follow in their proscribed course of study. They have renewed their application for aid, and we would recommend an appropriation of $125.00 in behalf of each for the ensuing year.

The other one who has received aid was R. Fred White, a member of the Junior class of the Western Theological Seminary, who devoted his time to unfinished college work up to the first of January, then taking up his Seminary course at which he continued with irregularity for a period of a little more than three months, when he left the institution without knowledge of your committee.

We have made some effort to secure a return of money from parties who received aid from Synod and failed to enter the ministry.

John Poot, who during the years of 1905 and 1906 was aided to the amount of $125.00, claims that he is unable to repay, and even requests Synod to cancel his indebtedness. He has identified himself with another branch of the church.

John Hershey, who received aid during the years of 1905 and 1906, after which he became undecided as to entering the ministry, has agreed to refund one year hence.

Arland R. Briggs, in behalf of whom appropriations were made in the early part of his college course, and a small amount during his Junior year in the Seminary, has not been at school during the last year. He has recently requested a statement of amount paid him by Synod, expressing his purpose to refund in full. We referred him to our Treasurer, to whom he has since made payment with interest. We do not know what this brother's future intentions are as to the work of the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. KOSER,
R. M. BADGER,
LUTHER P. LUDDEN.

The motion prevailed to consider the report seriatim.

It was moved that item three be adopted and the Committee be instructed to notify Mr. Poot that the Synod would not cancel his note.

The motion prevailed that item four be referred to Committee with power to act.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The report of the Trustees of Nachusa Orphanage was read and adopted.

Report of Nachusa Trustees.

The year past has been one of marked activity in this institution. There has been advance along every line of work except the enlarging of the plant. The Board, having always lived within their income, have decided not to press the enlarging of the plant until the money was on hand to pay the bills as presented. Our superintendent is now hard at work on the field gathering the funds and we have quite a nice sum of money on hand towards the new addition. The home is more than full and many, many applications for admission have to be refused. We have continued the work of finding good Christian homes for such children as apply for admission where conditions will allow them to be thus placed.

This year for the first time in our history we have the full time of the superintendent. At the last regular meeting of the Board, the congregation at Nachusa asked for a discontinuance of the arrangement then in force, *i. e.*, the pastor giving one-half of his week-day time and one Sunday each month to the home and the Board paying one-half of his salary. The Board declined to discontinue this relationship, and expressed their willingness to continue as in the past, but if the congregation at a regularly called meeting insisted upon the canceling of the arrangement the Board would consent. A few weeks later, at a regularly called meeting, the congregation voted to discontinue the arrangement and accepted the resignation of their pastor. We immediately employed him as our superintendent on full time and dispensed with the services of our head farmer, thus entailing practically no additional expense. The changed conditions thus forced upon us have resulted in considerable advantage. Supt. Wirick is proving an excellent manager of the farm and it gives him all of his Sundays out in the field in the interest of the home. His good wife, as our matron, is proving herself the right woman in the right place. The children

love her, and respond willingly to every demand she makes, as she gives to them and for them the strength of her Christian womanhood.

A severe hail storm swept over that valley just in the fruiting time. This worked quite a hardship upon us for the winter's supply of fruit and canned goods. We have been able this year to close up the small legacies that were pending in the courts and these funds have been placed in our building fund. We recommend that we continue to elect trustees to this home; that we encourage the work so far as possible, giving of our means and helping by our prayers in its great forward movement.

Respectfully submitted, LUTHER P. LUDDEN,
J. E. HUMMON.

The report of the Committee on Traveling Secretary was read by Rev. B. F. Kistler.

Report of Committee on Traveling Secretary.

To the Officers and Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

The Treasurer of the Committee on Traveling Secretary begs to offer the following report for the year ending September 1, 1909:

RECEIPTS.

September 1, 1908, balance on hand	$263 32	
September 1, 1909, by rent of house one year	240 00	
		$503 32

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to J. D. Sheberg, shingling house	$192 50	
Paid to Omaha Plumbing Co., new hot-water heater	12 00	
Paid to Omaha Plumbing Co., repairs	7 50	
Paid city taxes	38 37	
Paid county taxes	11 79	
Paid one year's instalment paving taxes	17 11	
Paid to Omaha Plumbing Co., new sink	10 35	
Paid to Meyers & Dillon, new glass	3 70	
Paid for wire and for screens	2 10	
		295 42
Balance on hand		$207 90

We have to put on new conducting pipes and gutterings and also some carpenter repairs. The furnace is about worn out. We also will have to paint the outside entirely. We expect to make these repairs at once.

Respectfully submitted,

M. W. SWAIN,
B. F. KISTLER,
R. W. LIVERS,
M. L. MELICK,
L. GROH.

After discussion the motion prevailed to adopt the report as read, and the Traveling Secretary Committee was instructed to examine title of the property in Omaha, and submit resolutions in regard to its sale, to the session of Synod one year hence.

The report of Delegates to General Synod was read by Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D., and adopted.

Report of Delegates to General Synod.

Mr. President:

The Forty-Fourth Biennial Convention of the General Synod was held in Richmond, Indiana, June 2-10, 1909, and in the judgment of your delegates it was one of the best meetings ever held by this venerable body, the oldest organized body of the Lutheran Church in this country. In the welcome manifest and hearty not only on the part of our own churches and people in Richmond, but by the whole city and community; in the matter of entertainment of the local churches; in the record-making reports rendered by all our church boards and institutions, and in the good spirit manifested in the deliberations and work of the Synod sessions, we believe that it is not too much to say that this convention has touched the highest water-mark in the General Synod history.

The opening meeting was held in the Richmond auditorium, because none of the churches could have held the congregation which numbered over two thousand people. The music of the meeting was led by a chorus of 100 voices and an orchestra of forty instruments. The sermon was preached by the retiring president, S. W. Owen, D. D., LL. D., from the text, "For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified," the theme drawn from his text being, "The Comprehensiveness of the Doctrine of Christ Crucified." The sermon soundly set forth the

character of Christ in philosophy and theology, in its humanitarian and self-denying aspects, and as furnishing full inspiration for the call and work of the ministry.

The Synod organized by electing officers for the ensuing two years: Rev. Harlan K. Fenner, D. D., Louisville, Ky., President; Rev. Frank P. Manhart, D. D., Selinsgrove, Pa., Secretary, and Mr. George H. Knollenberg, Richmond, Ind., Treasurer.

The most of the time occupied in the sessions of this general body is taken up with the consideration and discussion of the reports of the general boards and committees and institutions of the Church, and as these were rendered one after the other as the days passed on, it truly seemed that every interest of the Church is advancing onward and upward to greater conquest and victory. As evidence of this, we may name several items from some of the varied reports of the work of the Kingdom done through our hands.

The Foreign Mission Board reported a total of receipts for the past two years the splendid sum of $170,697.06, with a staff of forty-eight workers from our home territory on our fields in India and Africa during the biennium, and 617 native workers. Mission work is carried on in 757 villages, with 514 established congregations. There is a baptized church membership of 37,157 souls. Our Nebraska Synod, we are glad to say, was reported on the honor roll for giving its full apportionment to this cause as to several other also of our benevolent interests.

The Board of Home Missions reported a total income from all sources for the biennium of $157,390.29, with an enrollment of 220 missions during the two years. The number of church members in our missions is 28,110, with teachers and scholars in their Sunday schools to the number of 32,466. These missions have given for their own local expenses $525,965.81 and for benevolence $34,989.44.

The Board of Church Extension reported a grand total of receipts of $201,505.17, Synods to the number of 17 having raised their full apportionment. Return loans have been made by 45 churches, 39 have been aided by loans, and 263 congregations have received donations. The Board reports total assets to the amount of $654,876.99.

The Board of Education has aided nine institutions the past biennium instead of four as formerly, and has had total receipts from Synods of $58,438.93, and from all sources of $111,846.82. Its aid extends now not only to all our General Synod institutions of our own country, but also to Breklum, Germany, and the college in India; but Midland College and the Western Theological Seminary are still its chief beneficiaries. Their location on our territory in the

West must make us ever mindful of our duties and privileges in the vital sphere of Christian education, and the preparing of young men for the ministry.

The interests of the Church Orphanages, the Home for the Aged, the Pastors' Fund, the Publication Society and the Deaconess Board were all brought forward in their order and time, and were given proper and helpful consideration. One of the things indicating the spirit of the Synod occurred during the discussion of the Deaconess Board's report, when having reported that the Board would need for its proposed new building the sum of $80,000, the Synod amended the item by increasing the proposed building fund to $100,000.

Fraternal delegates were cordially received by the Synod from other bodies, especially Rev. Dr. W. H. Greever from the United Synod of the South, and Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs from the General Council.

Evening services were held in the mother General Synod Lutheran church of Richmond, St. Paul's German, and in the First English Lutheran, and the pastors and congregations of both these churches were untiring in their efforts to take care of the Synod, its delegates and visitors. Dinners and suppers were bountifully served in these two churches, thus giving finer opportunity to all for social fellowship as well as the better attention to all the work in hand.

Favorable attention was again given at Richmond to the Laymen's Movement as at Sunbury two years ago, and this progressive and active effort of our lay brothers must result in vastly increased power in our entire church organization in the coming years.

Special attention was also given to the making more clear and explicit the doctrinal position of the General Synod, and a motion passed instructing the Common Service Committee to collect and publish the official utterances of the body as to our doctrinal standing in concise form and order, so that none may misquote nor misunderstand us.

The report of the Sunday School Committee showed an addition of over 15,000 to our ranks the past two years, and that the Sunday school literature has reached a circulation of 355,425 annually. A new Junior Department has been inaugurated and a Teacher Training Series of publications will be issued this fall.

There has been an increase in the value of church property the past two years of $1,000,000, and an increase in the baptized membership of the Church of 46,000.

The apportionment laid by the General Synod for the next two years is $1.31 per member instead of $1.19 as in the past biennium. Of the twelve cents increase, five cents goes to Foreign Missions, five to Home Missions, and one cent to the Deaconess Board, and one cent to the Tabitha Home.

The next or 45th biennial meeting of the General Synod will be held in the Memorial Lutheran church, Washington, D. C., in 1911.

Respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Nebraska Synod delegation,

M. F. TROXELL,
G. W. LIVERS,
LUTHER P. LUDDEN,
ROY MAREEN BADGER,
E. H. COMBS,
J. H. HUMPE,
M. L. WARNER,
HENRY GARMAN,
J. F. WILHELMY,
JOHN WEIMER.

The motion prevailed to hear Dr. Ludden on the cause of Home Missions and give him an extension of time if he so desires. The address brought the appreciation of the Board for the loyal support of this Synod, and showed progress along all lines.

The session adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. F. Krueger, of Lincoln.

EVENING SERVICE.

THURSDAY, 8 P. M.

Addresses were delivered by Rev. Fred Ross Shirck, on the subject of "Modern Evangelism"; and by Rev. Chas. R. Lowe on "Practical Christianity".

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

After a 30 minutes devotional service led by Rev. L. L. Lipe, Synod was called to order by the President, and prayer offered by Rev. A. E. Deitz.

After roll call, minutes of previous sessions were read and adopted.

The report of Obituary Committee was read and adopted by rising vote and prayer by the President of Synod.

Report of Obituary Committee.

During the year death has invaded our ranks and claimed for his own Rev. Jeremiah Zimmerman, who died at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Resolved, That we recognize the hand of God in His wisdom, and that we bow to His sovereign will in the death of our brother.

Resolved, That we rejoice in the ripe old age to which Brother Zimmerman was enabled to live after his active work in the ministry had ceased.

Resolved, That we rejoice in the years of service he rendered the Nebraska Synod in the early days of its history as a pioneer minister.

Resolved, That these resolutions be adopted by a rising vote while the President of Synod leads in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. WHITE,
G. A. CRANNELL,
L. M. KUHNS.

On motion, Rev. R. M. Badger was given the floor to present the work of the Deaconess Board.

The report of the Examining Committee was given, and on motion was referred to the Advisory Board of Home Missions.

Rev. G. K. Wiencke, a member of the German Nebraska Synod was introduced to the brethren and given a seat in our body.

On motion, resolutions presented by Rev. M. L. Kuhns, relative to duties of Recording Secretary, were referred to Committee on Resolutions.

Recommendations from the Apportionment Committee were presented and adopted.

Recommendations from the Apportionment Committee.

The Apportionment Committee recommends that the apportionment for the following Synodical year be as follows:

General Synod	.02	Pastors' Fund	.07
Synodical Treasury	.10	Orphans' Home	.05
Home Missions	.35	Deaconess Board	.09
Foreign Missions	.30	National Home	.05
Church Extension	.20	Tabitha Home	.03
Board of Education	.20	Midland Library Endowment	.10
Ministerial Education	.15		

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. LOWE,
A. E. DEITZ,
CHRIS. MORTENSEN.

The motion prevailed to adopt the resolutions concerning the action of General Synod on the "Lutheran Brotherhood."

The Advisory Board of Home Missions was given the floor for its report, and on motion the report was considered seriatim.

Report of the Advisory Board of Home Missions.

We, your Advisory Board of Home Missions, would beg leave to submit the following report:

York, Rev. R. A. White, missionary. The work of our church at this place has been conducted with some difficulties peculiar to the conditions there and which are not likely to be repeated. As you know during the recent high water the repairs which were being made at the time were badly damaged requiring almost the entire work to be done again. However, by the faithful and persistent efforts of our missionary and his good wife, together with the co-operation of the members who have been true to the work, a more substantial condition is being realized. On Easter ten members were received who are proving of great worth. The property pur-

chased about a year ago has been improved by the tower being removed, and the building raised to the level of the surroundings, a good cement foundation placed under it with a basement made. The roof was reshingled and the building painted, which makes their church home more inviting. The assistance of the Nebraska Synod, the Home Mission Board and the Board of Church Extension have been instrumental in establishing confidence in the work, which the pastor tells us will enable more improvements to follow. They receive $400.00. We recommend that those churches which have not taken an offering do so.

Potter, Rev. E. H. Combs, missionary. As you will remember one year ago encouraging work was reported from this place. A work which had been established several years ago under the leadership of Rev. Shultz, but owing to the removal of almost the entire membership, services have not been held for several years. The hope of the Advisory Board has been realized to a large extent. Rev. Combs took charge of the work soon after the last session of Synod. He has received 55 members during the year, 8 children have been baptized and he had a class of 12 catechumens. A Sunday school and Christian Endeavor Society have been organized and are doing good work. Repairs to the amount of $250.00 have been made. This is a new work and the pastor and people need the hearty sympathy and fervent prayers of the Synod. They hope to reduce the amount of their call upon the Board of Home Missions this year. They received $300.00 for the year just closing.

Oshkosh and Lewellen, W. C. Heidenrich, missionary. This another of our western missions reports a year of prosperity and special blessings. At Oshkosh there have been no losses and six members received. A new building has been erected at a cost of about $2,800.00, all to be paid by January 1st. There is great rejoicing that they have a new church home, the only one in the town. We trust the zeal of this faithful band of workers only bespeaks the blessings promised to those who love the Lord. At Lewellen 13 members have been received during the year. A new work is begun at Kowanda, about twelve miles from Oshkosh. They hold their services in the school house. They report a Sunday school with an average attendance of over 40. Our missionary writes that the scattered membership and long drives cause the work to move along slowly, yet God is blessing them, a marked increase of interest and beneficence being seen. They receive $200.00.

Paxton and Sutherland. This mission was without a pastor for a part of the year, and suffered somewhat because of that fact. Brother Powell, who organized the work and served them faith-

fully for about three and one-half years, received and accepted a call to West Point. Since Brother Grose has been on the field it is being renewed. Two members have been received at Sutherland. Removals and indifference on the part of the membership necessitate the continued presence and faithfulness of the unshepherded. They receive $250.00, an increase of $50.00.

Sidney, Rev. Gunderman, missionary. This is located in a part of the state as some of those just mentioned where there is rapid development. Thus the need of the preaching of the Word. Brother Gunderman reports nine members received during the year, and a greater interest in the sacraments. The property is in good shape. Since January the pastor has been holding bi-weekly meetings at Chappell where they expect to form an organization. Since April similar meetings have been held at Lodgepole. During the past year they received $100.00. Sidney is now without a pastor. It is sincerely hoped that they will soon have a pastor to attend to the work of the Great Shepherd in our Zion at this place.

Wayne, Rev. C. J. Ringer, pastor, is moving along nicely in its work. About $70.00 were spent on improvements on the parsonage. We are glad to report that they are no longer a mission, having assumed self-support the last of May. This is a work that should command our attention in the work of our church upon this field. For some time the work of our church at Wayne was in a discouraging condition, even almost to the point of disbanding. However, owing to the interest of the members of Conference who called a pastor to the work a final effort was made. Now they are self-supporting. We bid them the richest blessings of our Heavenly Father in their work.

Omaha, Grace, Rev. M. L. Melick, missionary, is moving along nicely in its work. The attendance at the services has been better than on previous years. There is also progress in the Sunday school. The interior of the church has been refrescoed; the church cottage which was their first church has been renovated, painted, and a furnace installed at a cost of about $600.00. Peace and good-will prevail among pastor and people, thus indicating that greater blessings await this mission. They reduced their call upon the Board of Home Missions $50.00, thus approaching self-support. They receive $250.00 at this time.

South Omaha, Rev. R. W. Livers, missionary. The work in this city has been gradually developing until at the present time they are assuming work of a permanent order. Twelve new members have been received during the year, and the pastor thinks much more could have been done had it not been for the unsettled con-

dition. In February they purchased the property in which they had been worshiping. The property consists of a lot 60 x 150 feet, a house of three rooms and the church 24 x 36 feet, which they secured for $3,000.00. The house has been moved back at an expense of $90.00. The church has also been moved to one side and a large addition costing about $6,000.00 is being erected. Help was received from the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society and the Board of Church Extension to the amount of $2,000.00, one-fifth of which is a donation. The apportionment has been raised in full. The attendance at the regular services is fair, and the Sunday school it large and full of interest. They have been working at a disadvantage because of the small building for worship. We trust with larger place of worship and increased facilities the work will advance and be a power in this growing city. They receive $400.00 from the Board.

Benson, Rev. B. F. Kistler, missionary. Progress is the word from this mission. A confirmation class of twenty were received on Palm Sunday. A total of forty-one were received during the year. The members are a little slow in responding to the benevolence of the church, a part having been raised this year. About $2,000.00 have been expended on the new church which they hope to be ready for dedication by November. In some respects the field is a difficult one, yet it is very important and doubtless with divine guidance will continue to be a fruitful one. They receive $400.00 from the Board of Home Missions which they feel that they will need for the present at least.

Wilber, Neb. This mission received an increased appropriation from the Board, $200.00, and extended a call to Rev. J. A. Lowe the first of December. They have suffered much from removals and feel their loss deeply. Their work is characterized by harmony, but they realize great difficulties in making growth to the degree of self-support. New and beautiful seats have been placed in the church, and every effort is being made that seems possible for permanent growth.

Wolbach Pastorate. Rev. Grose preached until the holidays, the greater part of the time since there have been no services, hence some are disinterested. In August R. Fred White visited the pastorate and has been supplying since that time. The Sunday school has been continued regularly and the Young People's Society was discontinued for only one month.

Pawnee City and Zion's. Upon a careful canvass by Rev. F. R. Shirck Pawnee Zion's promised to pay $300.00 toward the support of a pastor. The members in the city church absolutely refused to

do anything and recommended to the Board of Church Extension that they sell the property. This came as a great surprise because of the loyalty in former years. Rev. Kuhlman has been supplying at Zion's for some time to the evident satisfaction of the members.

Homer. This pastorate has been vacant a part of the year. Rev. J. L. Hammond located there the 15th of May. Some feeling on the part of some of the members has had its effect upon the work. The pastor informs us that on account of the excessive rain and consequent bad roads about the time of the week when they hold services has caused the attendance to be very small. It has also interfered with his pastoral work, as most of the members live in the country. The church has been re-roofed at a cost of $60.00, and a nice sum is in the treasury for new pews.

South Sioux and Hubbard. Upon the organization of our work at Hubbard by Rev. Nussbaum, of the German Nebraska Synod, it seemed advisable to unite this congregation with that of South Sioux, thus allowing Homer to have the entire attention of a pastor. Rev. Nussbaum has been supplying Hubbard since the work was commenced and will doubtless continue until a pastor is secured.

Bruning, Rev. Bixler, missionary. This is our latest mission. Although the latest, over twenty years ago one of the pioneer workers in our church, Father I. N. Augustine, sowed the seed which is now white unto the harvest. C. R. Lowe and H. A. Wolfe, with the assistance of the President of Synod and Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and others, have done the preliminary work and July 15th Rev. Bixler assumed charge. Since that time the work is becoming permanent in the way of organization and securing a church home. They now have a membership of 34 with a property fairly suited to the work for the present. All are rejoicing because of the privileges of the Word and the Sacraments, which it is hoped may continue and be a great source of blessing and the saving of many souls.

Respectfully submitted,

L. GROH,
B. F. KISTLER,
G. W. LIVERS,
L. L. LIPE.

Under the item on York, it was moved and carried to recommend and add to the item, that the brethren of Synod take an offering for York if they had not already done so.

Before the completion of the report of this committee, Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. B. F. Kistler.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod was opened with the singing of a hymn and prayer was offered by Rev. J. L. Hammond.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

On motion, it was ordered that the name of J. Philip Anshutz be stricken from the roll of Synod.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to write S. R. Elson of Omaha in regard to his standing with Synod. (For full account, see Protocol.)

The report of the Advisory Board of Home Missions was resumed.

Under the item of Pawnee and Zion charge the motion prevailed that the Advisory Board of Home Missions be instructed to correspond with the Board of Home Missions relative to placing a man at Pawnee immediately.

Under the item on Wolbach-Ericson, it was moved that R. Fred White be recommended by Synod to return to Seminary and pursue his course.

On motion the report of the Advisory Board was adopted as a whole.

The report of the Special Committee on the Federation of Churches was read. On motion this report was submitted to a special committee of three.

The report of the Committee on South Platte Conference was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Minutes of the South Platte Conference.

We have examined the Minutes of the South Platte Conference which met April 13-15, 1909, at Rising City, Rev. C. R. Lowe, pastor, and find that there was a good attendance of the pastors on that territory.

On motion, Revs. H. A. Wolfe, M. D. Berg and G. N. Mendenhall

were appointed a committee to make a thorough canvass of Bruning, and the Conference asks that Synod pay their expenses out of the Synodical Home Mission Fund. We recommend that this be done.

The Conference asks that Revs. R. M. Badger and F. R. Shirck present their excuses to Synod for absence from the Conference. We recommend that this be done.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. KISTLER,
G. KLATT,
N. P. GROSE.

On motion, Rev. F. R. Shirck and R. M. Badger were excused because of non-attendance at the session of Conference held at Rising City.

The motion prevailed that the program of Sunday evening be suspended, and Rev. Luther M. Kuhns be given time to present the cause of the Luther League.

The report of Committee on Letters and Papers was read and on motion was considered seriatim.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

There have been placed in our hands the following communications:

1. A letter from Rev. F. G. Gotwald, D. D., General Secretary Board of Education, regarding the future government of the Western Theological Seminary. In view of the communication in hand, your committee would offer the following for the adoption of Synod:

Resolved, That in view of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of Midland College to increase the Synodical representation in the Board of Trustees of the College so as to have a two-thirds majority in the Board elected by the various Synods, we hereby tentatively elect two members of the Synod as Trustees in addition to our present representation of three members on said Board; one to be known as fourth and one as fifth member of the Nebraska Synod Trustees of Midland College.

2. A communication from Rev. F. G. Gotwald, D. D., relative to a recommendation adopted by the General Synod, with reference to Ministerial Education. In view of this recommendation that the Board of Education "formulate a plan for the uniform, systematic

and centralized administration of ministerial education work and funds," we recommend that the Standing Committee on Ministerial Education "be instructed to consider the whole subject and confer with the Board of Education," and report at our next meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. MELICK,
L. L. LIPE,
L. J. POWELL.

On motion, the report was adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Vacancies was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Vacancies.

As you have heard from the report of the President of Synod, the vacancies within the bounds of our Synod are as follows: The charge of Waverly and Yutan, Wolbach and Ericson, South Sioux and Hubbard, Sidney, Chappell and Lodge Pole, McCool, Pawnee, Dakota and Salem. This sad state of affairs is to be regretted. It is discouraging to attempt organization in our many new and promising fields when we are unable to secure men for so many already upon our hands. We would recommend that our Synodical Committee on Home Missions make special effort to have these points supplied, giving preference to men whose names are enrolled as members of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. KOSER,
J. L. HAMMOND,
M. L. KUNKELMAN.

The report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

Your Committee on Systematic Beneficence would report that at the beginning of the last Synodical year we distributed 14,000 pink and 2,500 blue envelopes at a cost of $28.75. These have been used in a very satisfactory manner. While some of the congregations have not paid in full their apportionment, others have exceeded theirs. We note with pleasure a material increase of more than $1,800.00 in our benevolent columns over last year. And we pray that the spirit of benevolence may continue to grow in the hearts of our people.

Your committee recommends a continuance of our systematic effort on the part of the pastors and churches, and that Synod make suitable provision for a supply of beneficence envelopes for the present year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. RINGER,
H. A. WOLFE,
JOS. H. MILLER.

The report of Trustees of Midland College was given.

Report of Board of Trustees of Midland College.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Midland College was held with a full attendance of the members of the Board May 26, 1909. The election of officers resulted as follows: A. J. Harwi, President; Rev. Fuller Bergstresser, Vice-President; L. H. Kelsey, Secretary; C. T. Ratermen, Treasurer. The election of new members of the Board to fill vacancies made by the expiration of terms were: A. J. Harwi, August Mangelsdorf and Frank D. Altman, D. D.

The Board heard with great interest the report of the faculty through the President of the institution, Dr. M. F. Troxell. This report noted a slight increase of enrollment of students over the year preceding, and the satisfactory filling of important teaching positions, and this by graduates of Midland, showing that the alumni are prepared for the important positions of active life, and that the college authorities have confidence in their own graduates.

It was reported also that full recognition of the work done by the College had been granted by the State Board of Education; that the biological laboratory was successfully opened, and that a desirable change had been made in the school year sessions, having substituted the semester system with two terms of equal length for the three-term plan, and the recitation period to occupy one hour instead of 45 minutes. The Board took action lengthening the Academy course from three to four years, and provided for the establishment of a new professorship of history and pedagogy by dividing the work of the English department, thus adding an additional professor to the College Faculty.

The representatives of this Synod on the Board rejoice to report at this meeting the successful consummation of the campaign for the Library Endowment Fund. Subscriptions are now being collected, and as soon as the amount is in hand Mr. Carnegie promises to forward the $15,000.00 promised for the library building, and the work of construction will begin immediately.

The city water plant has been extended to the buildings with sufficient pressure to insure fire protection which has been wanting since the founding of the institution. This will also help in making every building of the College modern, especially as to bath and toilet improvements.

At a very small cost, a physical director has been employed who has full charge of indoor and outdoor athletics.

A proposal was received from the Board of Education concerning the taking over the Western Theological Seminary as a department of the College by the Board of Trustees of Midland, the Board of Education to transfer to the trustees of the College all securities belonging to the Seminary; to increase its annual budget to the College to cover the additional cost of maintenance and to grant the use of the Ingalls property by the Theological Department, the promise being made by the Trustees that the College authorities assume entire management of the Theological department, and elect the present faculty to their present positions at their present salaries. This was referred to a special committee to confer with the Board of Education at the General Synod at Richmond, and, if necessary, call a special meeting of the Board of Trustees to consider the consolidation, which meeting has been called for the 5th day of October.

A memorial from the Kansas Synod asking for further increase of Synodical representation on the Board of Trustees that there may be a clear two-thirds majority of the Board of Trustees elected by the Synods was received. In reply to this memorial, the Board of Trustees instructed the Secretary to notify the Trustees that an amendment looking to such increase in Synodical representation will be presented at the next meeting of the Board.

The Board took action instructing the executive committee and faculty to arrange their teaching that the President of the institution may be released entirely from teaching in order that he may devote time and attention to the executive management and for special work on the territory of the college in the way of visitation for money and students.

Members of the College Faculty were cited to appear before the Board and were instructed by the Board to spend at least one month of the summer vacation visiting on the territory of the College, soliciting students and advertising the institution, which all promised to do.

The year was full of encouragement for the college management, and we believe the institution which has been of so marked a value

to our Church on this Western territory will soon prove to be of greater service, and we rejoice in this auspicious outlook.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. HUMMON,
J. A. LOWE.

The motion prevailed to adopt this report, and that Dr. Troxell be given the floor to present any matters pertaining to Midland.

On motion, Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D., General Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, was received in his official capacity, and invited to a seat among us, and the hour of 10 a. m. Saturday was fixed to hear him.

The report on the State of Religion was read, and adopted while Synod arose and prayer was offered by Rev. J. A. Lowe.

Report of Committee on State of Religion.

The situation with us as a Synod in the State of Religion in the various churches as given in the reports of our pastors is most encouraging, and especially so in those churches which are blessed with regular pastors. The fidelity and earnestness of our pastors is most evident in the progress and advancement which has characterized their work in the past year.

Reports show an increasing interest in the missionary activities of our beloved Zion, a faithfulness in the attention to the baptism of children and the catechisation of our young people, as well as general improvement in the work of the Sunday school. The church attendance is reported good and in general the piety of our people is the mark of distinction.

Prayer meetings are reported by the great majority of our pastors as poorly attended and wanting in interest. This, however, is no evidence of a want of genuine piety, as we recognize an honest and upright life as the true expression of Christian character and this is the mighty testimony borne by our Luheran people to the truth of the Christian faith.

We are gratified with the evident and growing satisfaction of our pastors and people with the customs, usages and doctrines of the Lutheran Church, and we believe the secret of our rapid increase in membership and growing piety lies in our fidelity to these.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. HUMMON,
M. L. MELICK,
C. J. RINGER.

The election of Trustees to the various Boards was taken up.

Rev. Geo. W. Livers was elected a Trustee on the Midland College Board.

On motion, two trustees were elected tentatively, pending the action of the Board of Trustees of Midland College relative to increasing the number of Synodical representation. Mr. W. H. Hogrefe and Rev. R. M. Badger were elected as 4th and 5th members of this Board respectively.

On motion, Rev. R. W. Livers was elected fraternal delegate to the German Nebraska Synod to meet at Lincoln, October 5th.

The report of the Committee on Protocol was read and adopted.

Report of Special Committee on Protocol.

Your committee has examined the Minutes of the Thirty-sixth Annual Convention of the Nebraska Synod as transcribed in the protocol and compared them with the manuscripts made by the Secretary at the Synod, and would report that the work has been done carefully and correctly.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. BERG,
FRED ROSS SHIRCK,
G. KLATT.

On motion, Synod proceeded to elect Trustees to Nachusa and Tabitha Homes.

Rev. C. H. B. Lewis and Mr. J. S. Humpe were elected Trustees to Tabitha Home for one year.

Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., was declared elected as a director of the Nachusa Orphans' Home for two years.

Report of Committee on President's Report was then given.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Your Committee on President's Report finds it to be a plain and full statement of the President's work and official acts. It is an

excellent document, and shows that efficient work has been done. It shows particularly an unusual amount of visiting among the churches, preaching in nearly all of them, traveling 5,500 miles, and that without expense to Synod. Be it

Resolved, That all his official acts be and are hereby endorsed and appreciation of his great work expressed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. LOWE,
G. KLATT,
H. C. BIXLER.

The motion prevailed to adopt the report with special commendation added, of the large mileage of travel on the part of the president without expense to Synod.

The session adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. E. Deitz.

EVENING SERVICE.

FRIDAY, 8 P. M.

Addresses were given on Christian work in the foreign fields by Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D., General Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, and Mr. John Hay Kuhns, for three years past a lay missionary in Japan and China.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

After a half hour of devotions led by Prof. Geo. N. Mendenhall, the session of Synod was opened by the President, and prayer offered by Rev. C. J. Ringer.

Roll was called and the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The report of the Apportionment Committee was submitted and accepted.

Report of Committee on Apportionment.

	Number of Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for Aged.	Tabitha Home.	Midland Library Endowment.	Totals.
		$0 02	$0 10	$0 35	$0 30	$0 20	$0 20	$0 15	$0 07	$0 05	$0 09	$0 05	$0 03	$0 10	$1 71
Per Member	....	3 58	17 90	62 65	53 70	35 80	35 80	26 85	12 53	8 95	16 11	8 95	5 37	17 90	306 09
Beatrice	179		2 50	8 75	7 50	5 00	5 00	3 75	1 75	1 25	2 25	1 25	75	2 50	42 75
Benedict, Bethel	25	50	6 80	23 80	20 40	13 60	13 60	10 20	4 76	3 40	6 12	3 40	2 04	6 80	116 28
Benedict, Zion	68	1 36	8 50	29 75	25 50	17 00	17 00	12 75	5 95	4 25	7 65	4 25	2 55	8 50	145 35
Benson	85	1 70	3 40	11 90	10 20	6 80	6 80	5 10	2 38	1 70	3 06	1 70	1 02	3 40	58 14
Bruning	34	68	8 40	29 40	25 20	16 80	16 80	12 60	5 88	4 20	7 56	4 20	2 52	8 40	143 64
Dakota City, Salem	84	1 68	2 10	7 35	6 30	4 20	4 20	3 15	1 47	1 05	1 89	1 05	63	2 10	35 91
Dakota City, Emmanuel	21	42	7 00	24 50	21 00	14 00	14 00	10 50	4 90	3 50	6 30	3 50	2 10	7 00	119 70
Davenport	70	1 40	1 60	5 60	4 80	3 20	3 20	2 40	1 12	80	1 44	80	48	1 60	27 36
Ericson	16	32	15 60	54 60	46 80	31 20	31 20	23 40	10 92	7 80	14 04	7 80	4 68	15 60	266 76
Grand Island	156	3 12	8 40	29 40	25 20	16 80	16 80	12 60	5 88	4 20	7 56	4 20	2 52	8 40	143 64
Hardy, St. Paul	84	1 68	2 20	7 70	6 60	4 40	4 40	3 30	1 54	1 10	1 98	1 10	66	2 20	37 62
Hardy, Jewell	22	44	6 00	21 00	18 00	12 00	12 00	9 00	4 20	3 00	5 40	3 00	1 80	6 00	102 60
Homer	26	52	2 60	9 10	7 80	5 20	5 20	3 90	1 82	1 30	2 34	1 30	78	2 60	44 46
Hubberd	25	50	2 50	8 75	7 50	5 00	5 00	3 75	1 75	1 25	2 25	1 25	75	2 50	42 75
Lincoln	144	2 88	14 40	50 40	43 20	28 80	28 80	21 60	10 08	7 20	12 96	7 20	4 32	14 40	246 23
McCool Junction	50	1 00	5 00	17 50	15 00	10 00	10 00	7 50	3 50	2 50	4 50	2 50	1 50	5 00	85 50
North Platte	170	3 40	17 00	59 50	51 00	34 00	34 00	25 50	11 90	8 50	15 30	8 50	5 10	17 00	290 70
Nebraska City	86	1 72	8 60	30 10	25 80	17 20	17 20	12 90	6 02	4 30	7 74	4 30	2 58	8 60	147 06
Omaha, St Marks	115	2 30	11 50	40 25	34 50	23 00	23 00	17 25	8 05	5 75	10 35	5 75	3 45	11 50	196 65
Omaha, Kountze Mem	444	8 88	44 40	155 40	133 20	88 80	88 80	66 60	31 08	22 20	39 96	22 20	13 32	44 40	759 24

Omaha, Grace	131	2	62	13	10	45	85	39	30	26	20	26	20	19	65	9	17	6	55	14	79	6	55	3	93	13	10	224	01
Oshkosh	25		50	2	50	8	75	7	50	5	00	5	00	3	75	1	75	1	25	2	25	1	25		75	2	50	42	75
Lewellen	37		74	3	70	12	94	11	10	7	40	7	40	5	55	2	59	1	85	3	33	1	85	1	11	3	70	63	27
Ponca	92	1	84	9	20	32	20	27	60	18	40	18	40	13	80	6	44	4	60	8	28	4	60	2	76	9	20	157	32
Potter	64	1	28	6	40	22	40	19	20	12	80	12	80	9	60	4	48	3	20	5	76	3	20	1	92	6	40	109	44
Pawnee, First	20		40	2	00	7	00	6	00	4	00	4	00	3	00	1	40	1	00	1	80	1	00		60	2	00	34	20
Pawnee, Zion	20		40	2	00	7	00	6	00	4	00	4	00	3	00	1	40	1	00	1	80	1	00		60	2	00	34	20
Rising City	53	1	06	5	30	18	55	15	90	10	60	10	60	7	95	3	71	2	65	4	77	2	65	1	59	5	30	90	63
Surprise	17		34	1	70	5	95	5	10	3	40	3	40	2	55	1	19		85	1	53		85		51	1	71	29	07
Roca	14		28	1	40	4	90	4	20	2	80	2	80	2	10		98		70	1	26		70		42	1	40	23	94
Stella	70	1	40	7	00	24	50	21	00	14	00	14	00	10	50	4	90	3	50	6	30	3	50	2	10	7	00	119	70
South Auburn	62	1	24	6	20	21	70	18	60	12	40	12	40	9	30	4	34	3	10	5	58	3	10	1	86	6	20	106	02
Stamford	72	1	44	7	20	25	20	21	60	14	40	14	40	10	80	5	04	3	60	6	48	3	60	2	16	7	20	123	12
Hendly	12		24	1	20	4	20	3	60	2	40	2	40	1	80		84		60	1	08		60		36	1	20	20	52
Orleans	10		20	1	00	3	50	3	00	2	00	2	00	1	50		70		50		90		50		30	1	00	17	10
South Omaha	66	1	32	6	60	23	10	19	80	13	20	13	20	9	90	4	62	3	30	5	94	3	30	1	98	6	60	112	86
Sidney	50	1	00	5	00	17	50	15	00	10	00	10	00	7	50	3	50	2	50	4	50	2	50	1	50	5	00	85	50
Sutherland	25		50	2	50	8	75	7	50	5	00	5	00	3	75	1	75	1	25	2	25	1	25		75	2	50	42	75
Paxton	50	1	00	5	00	17	50	15	00	10	00	10	00	7	50	3	50	2	50	4	50	2	50	1	50	5	00	85	50
South Sioux	18		36	1	80	6	30	5	40	3	60	3	60	2	70	1	26		90	1	62		90		54	1	80	30	78
Tekamah, Immanuel	34		68	3	40	11	90	10	20	6	80	6	80	5	10	2	38	1	70	3	06	1	70	1	02	3	40	58	14
Tekamah, Grace	30		60	3	00	10	50	9	00	6	00	6	00	4	50	2	10	1	50	2	70	1	50		90	3	00	51	30
Wilber	44		88	4	40	15	40	13	20	8	80	8	80	6	60	3	08	2	20	3	96	2	20	1	32	4	40	75	24
Waverly, Trinity	29		58	2	90	10	15	8	70	5	80	5	80	4	35	2	03	1	45	2	61	1	45		87	2	90	49	59
Yutan	14		28	1	40	4	90	4	20	2	80	2	80	2	10		98		70	1	26		70		42	1	40	23	94
West Point	178	3	56	17	80	62	30	53	40	35	60	35	60	26	70	12	46	8	90	16	02	8	90	5	34	17	80	304	38
Wayne	90	1	80	9	00	31	50	27	00	18	00	18	00	13	50	6	30	4	50	8	10	4	50	2	70	9	00	153	90
Walbach	61	1	22	6	10	21	35	18	30	12	20	22	20	9	15	4	27	3	05	5	49	3	05	1	83	6	10	104	31
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C. R. LOWE, J. C. MORTENSEN, A. E. DEITZ.

On motion, a memorial to General Synod was adopted as presented by Rev. J. A. Koser, in regard to "lay preachers", with the suggestion to submit the same to the Kansas and Iowa Synods, to ask their co-operation.

The report of Committee on Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies.

Your committee finds that progress has been made during the year. There are 46 Sunday schools, having 550 officers and teachers and 4,216 scholars, an increase of 3 schools, 141 officers and teachers and 307 scholars over last year.

Reports from Young People's Societies show an increase in societies to 32 out of a possible 47, with 713 members, an increase of 18. Financial support of the church has been good. The Sunday school gave 65 cents per capita for local work and 27 cents for benevolence, while the young people have given 93 cents for local work and 24 cents per member for benevolence.

We have no figures to show how general the attention has been to the different departments of Sunday school work.

In line with the recommendations of the committee a year ago, a service in the interest of the Sunday school work was arranged for Sunday afternoon. Geo. G. Wallace, President of the State Sunday School Association, was secured to address this meeting, but word has reached us since coming to Synod that death in the family hinders his coming. Hence rather than drag any of the brethren before that service unprepared, to weary those already wearied, we have dispensed with the Sunday afternoon service for this annual session.

The committee would recommend:

1. That every pastor continue striving for that old goal—every baptized member of the church in some department of the Sunday school, enlarging borders with Cradle Roll and Home Department.

2. That in view of the poor attendance at the state convention, we, as pastors, labor for a better representation.

3. That the relationships between our Synod and the state work be strengthened by securing the presence and help of some representatives to the State Association at our Synodical sessions.

Respectfully submitted,

L. J. POWELL,
C. J. RINGER,
R. A. WHITE.

Reporters to Church papers were appointed: Rev. R. M. Badger, *Observer;* Rev. C. R. Lowe, *Evangelist;* and Rev. L. J. Powell, *Lutheran World.*

On motion, certain resolutions presented by Rev. F. R. Shirck relative to the Western Theological Seminary, were referred to the Resolutions Committee.

The motion prevailed that invitations for entertainment of next Synod be received after Dr. Wolf's address.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Western Conference gave its report, which was adopted.

Report of Committee on Western Conference.

The record of the sessions of the Western Conference has not reached us, and hence your committee has no report relating thereto. We have learned from other sources that a good conference was held, with a good attendance of pastors and a helpful program.

Respectfully submitted,

L. J. POWELL,
R. A. WHITE,
HARRISON KEIM.

The Committee on Claims submitted its report, which was adopted as read.

Report of Committee on Claims.

Your committee would report that the following claims have been presented for payment:

L. L. Groh, postage	$8 50
Joseph H. Miller, stationery and stamps	11 25
Joseph H. Miller, salary	5 00
J. A. Koser, stationery and postage	2 50
M. L. Melick, stationery, postage and note book	7 65
C. J. Ringer, circulars, stationery, postage	3 10
G. W. Livers, postage, drayage, etc	3 83
Total	$41 83

The committee recommends that these bills be allowed and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the several amounts.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. BERG,
GEO. N. MENDENHALL,
G. A. CRANNELL.

Prof. G. N. Mendenhall was appointed as third member on Church Federation Committee in place of Mr. G. A. Crannell, who has been excused.

The report of the Committee on Excuses was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Excuses.

Your Committee on Excuses respectfully report the following requests for absence from Synod: Revs. W. C. Heidenreich, B. Sickel, W. F. Eyster, D. D., W. S. Oberholtzer, Isaac N. Augustine, C. H. B. Lewis, David Z. Foulk, J. J. Stine, Robert Stambaugh, J. F. Kuhlman, W. G. Gettle. After a careful examination of their requests we recommend that they be excused.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED ROSS SHIRCK,
ROY MAREEN BADGER,
JOHN HAY KUHNS.

The time having arrived for the hearing of Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D., General Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, he addressed Synod in the interests of his Board.

On motion, the invitation of Beatrice was accepted for the session of Synod in 1910.

The report of Committee on Minutes of North Platte Conference was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on North Platte Conference.

The forty-first semi-annual convention of the North Platte Conference was held at Dakota City, June 8th and 9th, 1909. A small attendance was reported.

We find one item of interest in the resolutions to which the attention of the Synod may be called:

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on Program for Conference next year be instructed to make place on the program for a Young People's meeting with suitable addresses, and that the Young People's Societies connected with the churches of Conference be invited to send delegates to this meeting with a view to forming a Young People's Conference organization."

We commend this item to the consideration of the other conferences of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. WOLFE,
M. D. BERG,
R. M. BADGER.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was read and discussed, seriatim.

Report of Committee on Resolutions,

Inasmuch as our Historian assures us of the speedy completion of the history of Synod, and that the Synod has voted the time limit for the consummation of this work to be January 1, 1910, and also to provide for the publication of the same; be it,

Resolved, 1. That a committee be appointed by the chair to assist in editing the history before it is given into the hands of the publishers.

Resolved, 2. That sealed competitive bids be asked for an edition of not less than 500 volumes.

Resolved, 3. That the history be dedicated to the Pioneer Missionaries of the Lutheran Church of Nebraska.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary of Synod in each case to notify in writing members of Synod, committees, beneficiaries and congregations of the official actions of Synod relative to each of them.

Resolved, That the Faculty of Midland College and the Western Theological Seminary be requested to furnish semester reports and such other information to the chairman of the Synodical Educational Committee as shall keep that committee informed of the class-room work and general deportment of our beneficiaries.

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure and profit the representatives of the various Boards of the church, the Presidents of the Western Theological Seminary and Midland College, and that we pledge our continued support to all those worthy objects which they have so ably presented to us.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed who shall arrange a suitable program for the postponed anniversary session of the Synod and which shall aid in every way possible to make this anniversary service one long to be remembered.

Resolved, That we express to Rev. M. L. Kunkelman, pastor of this church, in his affliction, our profound sympathy and we rejoice that he has so far recovered as to be able to be present at some of

the sessions of this Synod, and further, that we assure him of our prayers for his complete and speedy recovery.

Resolved, That having learned from the President of our Western Theological Seminary, Atchison, Kansas, of the hopeful outlook of this "school of the prophets" and the encouraging condition of the same, and whereas, he has reported the purchase and equipment of the splendid new home for the work at an expense of $11,000.00, having already paid $8,000.00 and needing only about $3,000.00 to meet all obligations on the property worth to our Church for Seminary purposes at least $20,000.00, that this Synod expresses appreciation of Dr. Altman's desire to liquidate all expense incurred in the purchase of the property, and that we commend his present laudable effort to raise the funds needed.

Resolved, 1. That in view of our many vacancies and new and promising fields constantly opening, which should be occupied at once, and in view of the fact that we cannot secure men qualified to fill these places, that we memorialize General Synod to institute a system of lay preachers to meet this emergency, especially in our Western Synods; and that General Synod formulate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to safeguard this new departure.

Resolved, 2. That the Kansas, Iowa and Rocky Mountain Synod be requested to co-operate.

Resolved, That the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society be given the privilege of printing their Minutes with the Synodical Minutes, and that nine hundred copies of the Minutes be printed, a sufficient number of which shall be placed at the disposal of the Synodical Missionary Society.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Synod be extended to the pastor, members and friends of St. Paul's Lutheran church for their generous hospitality, to the choir for their excellent and inspiring leadership in song, and to the brethren for the able, helpful and instructive addresses delivered in the evening services, and that the President give public expression of the same at the Sunday evening services.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. HUMMON,
M. F. TROXELL,
HARRISON KEIM.

During the hearing and discussion of this report, Synod was adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. L. Hammond.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 P. M.

After the singing of a hymn, Synod was led in prayer by Rev. J. A. Koser. Minutes of previous session read and approved.

The report of the Resolution Committee was resumed.

Under the item in regard to the publication of the Synodical History, the motion prevailed to instruct the Editorial Committee to prepare the history of Nebraska in typewritten form and submit it at next session of Synod for the personal inspection and review of the brethren, future action to be subject to their order. Any expense incurred in such preparation to be borne by the Synodical Treasury.

On motion, the report of the Resolution Committee was adopted as a whole.

A resolution was submitted relative to the pooling of traveling expenses of the members of Synod, and on motion was deferred one year.

The report of the Committee on the Federation of Churches was submitted and adopted.

Report of Committee on Federation of Churches.

Your committee have examined the papers placed in their hands and report: That they deem it inexpedient for Synod as a body to unite with this organization at present, and recommend that any affiliation with this organization be left to the local congregations.

Respectfully submitted. LUTHER M. KUHNS,
J. A. LOWE,
GEO. N. MENDENHALL.

Amendments to Constitution were proposed by Rev. R. A. White as follows:

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution.

1. That part of Art. III, Sect. 1, which reads, "This Synod shall consist of all the ordained ministers, etc.," shall be amended to read, "This Synod shall consist of all the ordained ministers and licentiates, etc."

2. That part of Art. V, Sect. 10, which reads, "They shall examine all candidates for ordination, etc.," be amended to read, "They shall examine all candidates for ordination and licensure, etc."

The Auditing Committee gave its report, which was adopted as read.

Report of Auditing Committee.

Your Auditing Committee submits the following report:

We have carefully examined the books and vouchers of the Treasurer, and find them to correspond with his report submitted to Synod, with the following exceptions, viz.:

1. Excepting the columns of Foreign Missions and External Objects.

2. Excepting receipts numbers 42, 82, 83, 84, 85, 88, 90, 92.

The Treasurer explains that these receipts have not come to him because of the lateness of his remittances corresponding with these receipts.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. COMBS,
H. A. WOLFE,
HANS JOHNSEN.

The report of the Calendar Committee was read and adopted. (See page 2.)

The report of the Committee on Leave of Absence was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Leave of Absence.

The following brethren have asked to be excused from Synod: Rev. D. H. Shultz, Rev. Luther P. Ludden, D. D., Mr. G. A. Crannell, Rev. J. L. Hammond, Rev. M. L. Melick, Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D., Mr. John Hay Kuhns, Rev. N. P. Grose. These brethren having offered excuses for leaving, we recommend that they be excused.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. WOLFE,
C. R. LOWE,
CHAS. NEIDHART.

A motion prevailed to give Mr. M. S. Poulson, State Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League 10 minutes at the evening service to present the cause of that organization.

Supplemental Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

We, your committee, in addition to the report already submitted, recommend that R. Fred White be continued on the funds of the Synod, on condition that he devote this scholastic year to work in the Western Theological Seminary, and in addition, finish his work in the Collegiate department. In view of the peculiar circumstances, we recommend that an appropriation of $150.00 be made in his behalf, but that this shall not be regarded as a precedent whereby Synod shall be influenced in the future.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. KOSER,
R. A. WHITE,
R. M. BADGER.

Adopted.

The minutes of the present session were read and approved.

Recess was taken for the Preparatory Services, conducted by the President of Synod, Rev. M. D. Berg preaching the sermon. Text: Col. 3. 11.

After recess of one hour, Synod again resumed business.

On motion, Rev. Salsbury, State President of the Christian Endeavor Union, spoke on the work of that body.

On motion, Revs. J. E. Hummon, Chairman, L. M. Kuhns, R. W. Livers, and M. L. Melick were elected as the Revising and Editing Committee of the History of the Nebraska Synod.

On motion, the Anniversary Jubilee Service one year hence is to be arranged by the following committee: Revs. J. A. Koser, Chairman, R. A. White, and L. L. Lipe.

On motion, Rev. J. A. Lowe was elected chairman of the Educational Committee instead of Rev. R. M. Badger.

On motion, the afternoon session closed with a season of

prayer for more ministers. Led by Revs. L. A. Lowe, L. L. Lipe, and J. A. Koser.

EVENING SERVICE.

SATURDAY, 8 P. M.

The address was delivered by Rev. R. W. Livers, on the subject of "Reciprocity in the Extension of the Kingdom".

Mr. M. S. Poulson also spoke briefly, presenting the cause of the Anti-Saloon League.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

10 A. M.

Revs. L. Groh, D. D., L. L. Lipe, and H. C. Bixler addressed the pupils of the Sunday School.

11 A. M.

The communion sermon was delivered by Rev. Geo. W. Livers, after which the Lord's Supper was celebrated by the members of Synod and congregation.

2:30 P. M.

The Mission Band was addressed by several ladies who remained for the Sunday Services, Mrs. O. M. Kuehn, Omaha, Miss Elizabeth S. Haase, Dakota City, and Mrs. R. A. White, York.

8 P. M.

As there were no candidates for ordination, Rev. L. M. Kuhns preached the evening sermon from the text, Mark xiv. 8.

At the close of this service the President declared the Session of Synod adjourned to meet at Beatrice September 23, 1910.

Benediction by the President.

RALPH W. LIVERS,
Secretary.

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA SYNOD.

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Badger, Roy Mareen.	Beatrice	Trinity Luth.	1	..	2	..	8	3	4	...	3	..	7	6	3	179	198	232	$8000 00	....	$1885 18	....	1
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		Zion's	1	..	..	..	28	...	5	4	1	5	3	1	..	68	71	71	4000 00	....	645 67	....	3
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		Emmanuel	1	..	..	..	..	...	1	...	11	..	..	..	..	21	52	86	1850 00	....	170 25	....	7
Wolf, H. A.	Davenport	Christ	1	1	1	..	13	1	10	4	2	4	3	3	..	70	100	115	4000 00	....	850 00	....	8
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Lipe, J. L.	Grand Island	St. Paul's Eng. Lu.	1	..	1	1	16	1	4	...	18	3	16	..	..	156	245	420	1100 00	400 00	1300 00	100 00	10
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Vacant	North Platte	First	1	..	2	..	12	2	3	23	13	2	10	6	10	170	245	325	13500 00	2400 00	1365 00	600 00	17
Koser, J. A.	Nebraska City	First	1	..	2	..	15	3	2	15	5	.	..	..	..	86	134	164	3000 00	....	912 11	336 50	18
Groh, L.	Omaha	St. Mark's	1	..	2	..	15	2	3	14	9	5	7	11	..	115	148	188	15000 00	2000 00	1475 00	1175 00	19
Hummon, John E.	Omaha	Kountze Mem.	1	2	1	..	36	2	12	18	21	7	35	43	..	444	585	802	16000 00	4800 00	4500 87	915 23	20
Melick, M. L.	Omaha	Grace	1	..	2	..	12	1	7	3	20	3	6	4	1	131	140	180	12400 00	3500 00	1025 00	600 00	21
Heidenreich, W. C.	Oshkosh	St. Mark's	1	1	..	..	4	...	..	...	1	3	2	1	..	25	27	36	2800 00	535 00	242 90	1886 00	22
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Index Number.	Sunday Schools: Number of Schools.	Sunday Schools: Officers and Teachers.	Sunday Schools: Scholars.	Sunday Schools Contributions: For Support of School and Local Objects.	Sunday Schools Contributions: For Benevolence.	Y. P. Societies: Number of Societies.	Y. P. Societies: Members.	Y. P. Societies Contributions: For Local Objects.	Y. P. Societies Contributions: For Benevolence.	Dues: General Synod.	Dues: Synodical Treasury.
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Index Number.	Benevolence: Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	External Objects, Midland Library Endowment.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
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Deitz, A. E.	Ponca	Salem	1	..	2	1	7	1	2	..	2	1	2	2	4	92	135	172	$10000 00	.....	$1271 75	$75 00				1
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MINUTES of the Twenty-Ninth
ANNUAL CONVENTION of the

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF

NEBRASKA.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of Nebraska opened Tuesday afternoon, September 21st, 1909, in St. Paul's Church, South Auburn, Nebraska, by the President, Mrs. R. M. Badger.

Prayer, Mrs. R. A. White, York.

On motion all business was postponed until Wednesday morning.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Opening service conducted by Rev. F. R. Shirck, Stella.
Hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign."
Scripture, 65th Psalm, Mrs. R. A. White.
Prayer, Miss Matie Martin.
Hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

President's Report.

To the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the State of Nebraska:

It is difficult to state just what the 291 women of the Nebraska Synodical Society have accomplished during the year which has just closed. Each year brings added responsibilities as the work of an organization increases. New measures and new activities are demanded. The work of our Lutheran women has broadened

and our Synodical Societies have felt the growth even though we may not have had the increase in memberships and offerings we should have liked.

Your President wishes to express to you her hearty appreciation of the interest and co-operation she has received in all the work of the past year.

The officers and department secretaries deserve commendation for the efforts which they have put forth. Starting under difficulties, with perhaps a feeling of relaxation after the strenuous effort of three years culminated in the endowment of the bed in India Hospital, changes of pastorates and vacancies, we feel that the work accomplished has been withal encouraging; and with a renewed zeal and fresh energy we know that the coming year will bring forth the fruit which is bound to come from our abiding in Him.

We are here in this convention to review the work of the past year, to "rejoice in every good thing which the Lord our God hath done for us," and to get such inspiration and enthusiasm which will set on fire our auxiliary societies and help us to accomplish great things for the Master.

Let us make this coming year a rally year. Strengthen our forces and strive to place into the hands of the Lutheran people every available means to teach them how great the work the Lord hath prepared for them to do. Let us take to our societies from this convention the desire for each member to win one more to our number—to double our membership in the coming twelve months. For such purpose we commend the "Win One" pledge cards.

We are glad to welcome the new societies of Wilbur, and trust that the convention will be a valuable help and encouragement to them through their delegates.

There is an important work for the conference superintendents in the organization of new societies in their districts. Hardly one-half of the churches of the General Synod in Nebraska have missionary societies, and it is with regret that we learn of several who for various good reasons, perhaps, have become inactive. We believe that much good could be accomplished toward the organization of new societies by first gaining an entrance for our *Woman's Magazine*, and we would recommend the co-operation of the magazine secretary with the conference superintendents to this end.

That much good could be accomplished by a careful study and understanding of the work as mapped out for us by the General Executive Society is without doubt, and where practicable, would it not be well for each auxiliary society to spend a short time each

month in reviewing the purposes and aims of the special objects to which we subscribe?

The possibilities of our society in general seem boundless. We set our standard two years ago for $90,000.00 with which to conduct our work, and we received $101,000.00. This year we have placed the standard at $125,000.00, and with the help of only a few more societies; how easy it will be to exceed this sum.

The wisdom of the Annuity Plan which the General Society has adopted is readily seen. How many widows and orphans are left helpless, not because they have had no means of support, but because of injudicious investments of their means through ignorance of business methods.

It has been with much concern that we have watched the action taken by the General Convention in regard to the memorial sent them from our Grand Island meeting, and it will still be with interest that we will look for the action of the Synodical Societies on the same.

We are glad for the year that is past; for its successes and failures, and in closing I would ask God's blessing upon our future, that we may do much for the advancement of His kingdom here among men.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. R. M. BADGER.

A message from Mrs. E. D. Miller, Treasurer of General Society, read by Miss Haase.

Offering $2.15.

Hymn—"Christ for the World."

Benediction, Rev. L. Groh, D. D., Omaha.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Credentials received and roll formed.

Officers.

President—Mrs. R. M. Badger.
Vice-President—Miss Matie Martin.
Recording Secretary—Miss Maude C. Martin.
Treasurer—Miss Elizabeth S. Haase.
Historian—Mrs. M. A. Mostert.
Chairman of Literature Committee—Mrs. L. P. Ludden.

Delegates.

Beatrice—Mrs. Kimmerling.

Dakota—Emmanuel—Miss Elizabeth S. Haase.

Davenport—Miss Sarah Grossman.

Lincoln—Mrs. W. J. Stahl.

Omaha—Kountze Memorial—Mrs. Paul Springer, Mrs. Oliva Kuehn.

Rising City—Mrs. Saylor, Miss Emma Musser.

Roca—Miss Matie Martin.

Tekamah—Mrs. Crannel.

Wilber—Mrs. J. A. Lowe.

York—Mrs. R. A. White.

Young People's Society.

Nebraska City—Miss Mary Johnson.

Mission Band.

South Auburn—Miss Tillie M. Clay.

Visitors' Roll.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D., Baltimore, Md.; Rev. Luther F. Ludden, D. D., Lincoln, Nebr.; Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Atchison, Kansas; Rev. Altman, D. D., Atchison, Kansas; Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, Omaha; Rev. R. M. Badger, Beatrice; Rev. L. J. Powell, West Point; Rev. J. A. Lowe, Wilber; Rev. and Mrs. Gustav Klatt, Stanford; Mr. John H. Kuhns, Omaha; Rev. R. A. White, York; Rev. J. E. Hummon, Omaha; Rev. Chas. R. Lowe, Rising City; Rev. L. Groh, D. D., Omaha; Mr. Crannel, Tekamah; Rev. M. L. Kunkelman, M. D., Rev. G. R. Wiencke, Mesdames Matthieson, Barton Mellott, D. P. Kiedy, M. Metcalf, M. Hartzell, J. Schlecht, Rebuck, Fred Schriefer and Ferricks, Misses Tillie Maclay, Jessie Dye, Elsa Mellott, Blanche Dye, Carrie Mellott and Ferricks, Mr. Blessing, Mr. Stoever and Mr. Wm. Matthiesen, Auburn.

Hymn, "Blest be the Tie that Binds."
Scripture, Isaiah 60, Mrs. Paul Springer.
Prayer, Rev. J. A. Lowe, Wilber.

Minutes read and accepted.

Reports of Officers, Standing Committees and Department Secretaries received and referred to committees.

Appointment of Reporters: *Lutheran Evangelist*—Miss Mary Johnson.

Lutheran World—Mrs. J. A. Lowe.

Lutheran Observer—Mrs. Kimmerling.

Lutheran Woman's Work—Mrs. Oleva Kuehn.

Announcement of Committees:

President's Report—Miss Matie Martin, Mrs. Mostert.

Executive Committees' Report—Mrs. White, Mrs. J. A. Lowe.

Corresponding Secretary's Report—Miss Haase, Mrs. Stahl.

Auditing Committee—Mrs. Springer, Mrs. Saylor.

Secretaries' Reports—Mrs. Kuehn, Mrs. Kimmerling, Miss Maude C. Martin.

Resolutions—Mrs. White, Miss Musser.

Letters and Papers, Historian's Report, and Conference Superintendents' Reports—Mrs. Ludden, Miss Grossman.

Words of welcome were spoken by Mrs. Fred Schriefer, to which Mrs. Kuehn responded.

Hymn, "My Dear Redeemer."

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. L. J. Powell.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have."

Scripture, Philippians 2, Mrs. Badger.

Voluntary prayers.

Roll call.

Minutes read and approved.

Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., presented greetings from the Board of Home Missions.

Convention showed its appreciation of his kind words by a rising vote of thanks.

Hymn, "Jesus the Very Thought of Thee."

In response to their names the delegates told what seemed the best things done by their Societies during the year.

Offering $2.13.

Mission Band Conference—"The Necessity of a Cradle Roll," Mrs. M. A. Mostert.

Recitation—Miss Carrie Mellott, Auburn.

Object Lesson for the children, Mrs. White.

Rev. Luther M. Kuhns spoke to the children of Missions in Japan.

Prayer, Mrs. L. J. Saylor, Rising City.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Hymn, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing."

Scripture, 1 Cor. 13th chapter, Miss Matie Martin.

Prayer, Mrs. L. P. Ludden.

Roll-call. Minutes read and approved.

On motion 20 minutes was devoted to committee work.

Address, Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Field Secretary Board of Church Extension.

On motion Dr. Yarger was given a rising vote of thanks.

Round Table, "Practical Hints," led by Mrs. Ludden, all delegates participating.

Prayer, Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Song.

Prayer, Rev. L. M. Kuhns.

Roll-call and minutes read and adopted.

Reports of Committees accepted.

SYNODICAL SOCIETIES. Woman's Auxiliary.	Quarters Reported.	Organized.	Presidents.	Corresponding Secretaries.	Members. Active.	Honorary.	Cradle Roll.	Life.	Home Department.	Total.	Time of Meeting.	No. of Meetings.	Lutheran Woman's Work.	King's Message.	No. of Boxes.	Value of Boxes.
1. Beatrice	1, 2, 3, 4	1882	Mrs. W. G. Springer	Mrs. A. Anderson	20	1	57	..	2	80	1st Thursday.	10	12	....	..	.....
2. Benson	2, 3, 4	1907	Mrs. J. P. Peterson	Mrs. C. G. Anderson	19	..	..	..	....	19	4th Wednesday.	..	...	....	..	.....
3. Dakota, Emmanuel	1, 2, 3, 4	1891	Mrs. Geo. Niebuler	Mrs. Niemeyer	14	3	..	3	1	18	2d Wednesday.	11	9	25	..	.....
4. Dakota, Salem	1	1901	Mrs. A. O. Sides	.....	20	..	..	..	....	20	1st Friday.	..	12	..	..	.....
5. Davenport	1, 2, 3, 4	1907	Mrs. N. A. Wolfe	Miss Sarah Grossman	10	1	..	..	....	11	2d Tuesday.	12	4	10	..	.....
6. Grand Island	2	1906	Mrs. I. N. Augustine	Miss Bertha Lederman	8	..	..	..	....	8	1st Tuesday.	..	8	..	..	.....
7. Homer	1, 2	1905	Mrs. F. A. Sawyer	Mrs. Chas. Jordan	8	1	..	..	2	11	3d Thursday.	3	8	....	..	.....
8. Lincoln	1, 2, 3, 4	1890	Mrs. J. H. Hooper	Mrs. L. P. Ludden	13	3	..	..	....	16	1st Wednesday.	8	11	....	..	.....
9. McCool Junction	1	1907	.....	.....	8	..	..	..	1	9	.....	15	7	....	..	.....
10. North Platte	1, 2, 3, 4	1904	Mrs. Fred. Thompson	Mrs. Fred. Fredrickson	20	5	..	..	....	25	Last Friday.	10	31	....	1	.....
11. Omaha	1, 2, 3, 4	1886	Mrs. Paul Springer	Mrs. J. E. Hummon	14	1	..	2	....	15	3d Wednesday.	12	6	....	2	$94 50
12. Ponca	1, 2, 4	1880	Mrs. H. H. Hart	Miss Leona Dietz	26	1	..	2	....	27	1st Friday.	11	16	....	..	.....
13. Roca	1, 2, 3, 4	1892	Miss Matie Martin	Miss Viola Martin	8	..	..	..	....	8	2d Sunday.	4	8	....	..	.....
14. Rising City	1, 2, 3, 4	1904	Mrs. L. J. Saylor	Mrs. D. Loudenslager	16	3	..	..	....	19	1st Wednesday.	12	13	....	..	.....
15. Stella	1	1884	.....	.....	6	..	..	..	....	6	.....	1	6	....	..	.....
16. Tekamah	2, 4	1881	Mrs. M. O. Willert	Miss Estella Wood	3	..	..	..	....	3	1st Saturday.	1	4	....	..	.....
17. West Point	1, 2, 3, 4	1904	Miss Zelma Briggs	Mrs. A. B. C. Heller	8	..	..	..	....	8	1st Wednesday.	9	6	....	7	3 30
18. Wilber	2, 3, 4	1909	Mrs. J. A. Lowe	Mrs. E. E. Shimonek	5	..	..	..	....	5	2d Thursday.	6	....	....	..	.....
19. York	.....	1906	Mrs. R. A. White	.....	3	1	..	..	....	4	4th Friday.	..	2	....	..	.....
20. Yutan	1, 4	1883	Miss Lydia A. Bender	Mrs. O. F. Peters	2	2	..	..	....	4	1st Thursday.	3	2	20	..	.....
Totals	.....	....	.....	.....	212	21	57	7	6	303	.....	..	....	....	10	.....
Young Peoples' Societies.																
1. Beatrice	2	1906	Miss Ida Albright	Elsie Bartling	20	..	..	..	....	20	Last Sunday.	..	....	....	..	.....
2. Nebraska City	1, 2, 3, 4	1908	Louise Isennoran	Miss Mary Johnson	15	10	..	..	....	25	1st Friday.	12	8	....	.	.....
3. Roca	3	1905	Miss Matie Martin	Miss Viola Martin	7	..	..	..	....	7	Sunday.	..	....	....	..	.....
4. Wilber	2, 3, 4	1909	Mrs. E. E. Shimonek	Miss Carrie Bohacek	20	9	..	..	....	29	Last Sunday.	7	....	....	..	.....
Totals	.....	....	.....	.....	62	19	..	..	....	81	.....	..	8	....	..	.....
Mission Bands.																
1. Auburn	1, 2, 3, 4	1907	Laura McElhaney	Miss Carrie Mellott	14	3	2	..	....	19	Every Sunday.	11	....	11	..	.....
2. Davenport	1, 2, 4	1908	Miss Sarah Grossman	Miss Grossman	14	..	..	..	....	14	Last Saturday.	12	....	10	..	.....
3. Rising City	2, 3	1907	Miss Florence Baker	Clyde Suddarth	11	15	6	..	....	32	1st Saturday.	6	....	15	..	.....
4. York	2, 3, 4	1906	Hazel Foster	Miss Esther Hanson	12	..	..	..	....	12	4th Saturday.	6	1	12	1	32 00
Totals	.....	....	.....	.....	51	18	8	..	....	77	.....	..	9	48	1	.....
Grand Totals	.....	...	.....	.....	325	58	65	7	6	461	.....	..	155	103	11	.....

Mrs. O. F. PETERS, *Corresponding Secretary pro tem.*

Report of Secretary of Young People's Department.

As Secretary for Young People's Societies I submit the following:

Have written fifty letters, partly with return postals for replies, and postals of encouragement during the past year, urging organization on the taking of the pledge of the Helper's Circle in the Christian Endeavor or the League.

Can report the organization of but one Society, that at Wilber.

I desire to take this opportunity to thank all who so kindly responded with words of interest and encouragement, and trust the coming year will find more of our Nebraska young people organized for missions.

Respectfully submitted, MARY JOHNSON.

Received and referred to committee.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand September 9, 1908	$1128 27	
Receipts (see Exhibit)	548 59	
Total		$1676 86

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid General Treasurer—		
For Endowment of Bed in India Hospital	$1000 00	
For General Fund	291 15	
For Life Members	20 00	
For Thank-Offering	164 00	
For Christmas Offering	10 00	
For South Omaha Church	16 00	
For May Memorial Fund	2 35	
For Nursery in India	4 60	
For Long Beach Church	4 00	
For E. V. Day School in Africa	22 00	
For Girls' School in India	1 00	
For Thirtieth Anniversary Fund	31 00	
For St. Thomas Church, N. Y.	1 75	
		$1567 85

From Synodical Fee Fund—			
To Paul Springer & Co., for programs....	$5 25		
To Paul Springer & Co., for stationery....	1 90		
To Mrs. Lowe, R. R. fare and postage....	5 60		
To Mrs. Saylor, postage	1 15		
To Mrs. Mostert, postage	2 00		
To Miss Bender, postage	1 00		
To Miss Haase, R. R. fare and postage....	5 00		
To exchange	1 80		
		23 70	
From Silver Anniversary Fund—			
To Miss Matie Martin, postage.....	$0 25		
To Mrs. Badger, postage	1 50		
To Mrs. J. A. Lowe	3 90		
To delegate to General Convention.....	3 75		
		9 40	
Total			1600 95
Cash on hand			$75 91
Cash on hand is as follows—			
Thank-Offering Fund			$0 70
Delegate to General Convention Fund.....			15 19
Synodical Fee Fund			22 87
Silver Anniversary Fund			21 40
Nebraska Tablet in India Fund			15 75
			$75 91

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF MONEY RECEIVED SINCE SEPTEMBER 18.

North Platte—			
For General Fund	$4 00		
Delegate to General Convention Fund.....	70		
Tablet	60		
Synodical Fee	50		
		$5 80	
Lincoln—			
Delegate to General Convention Fund.....	$1 20		
Tablet	35		
Synodical Fee	1 80		
		3 35	
Total			9 15
Total balance on hand			$85 06

Respectfully submitted, ELIZABETH S. HAASE.

Treasurer's Exhibit of Receipts for Year Ending September 15, 1909.

	General Fund.	Synodical Fee Fund.	Delegate to General Convention.	Thank-Offering.	Christmas Offering.	May Memorial.	Life Members.	E. V. Day Girls' School in Africa.	Girls' School in India.	South Omaha Church.	Long Beach Church.	Silver Anniversary Fund.	St. Thomas Church, N. Y.	Nursery in India.	Nebraska's Tablet in Hospital.	Thirtieth Anniversary Fund.	Total.
	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
Offerings at Convention	.....	$6 95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$0 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	$7 55
Interest	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Woman's Societies.																	
Beatrice	$8 50	$2 00	$1 00	$13 00	$0 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$1 00	.....	$26 20
Benson	5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 50
Dakota, Emanuel	19 46	2 38	2 00	7 88	3 05	$0 60	.....	.....	$0 50	$0 85	$1 50	.....	$1 00	$0 50	.....	$6 50	49 92
Dakota, Salem	13 65	.....	.....	4 66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 31
Davenport	2 70	60	1 25	4 66	.....	.....	.....	$2 00	.....	2 00	50	.....	$0 75	1 00	1 10	3 50	19 56
Grand Island	5 75	.....	1 00	2 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 50
Homer	11 65	2 20	1 45	7 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	26 40
Lincoln	10 00	.....	.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 00
McCool Junction	1 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	4 65
North Platte	16 00	.....	.....	6 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 15
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	6 50	1 20	.....	18 00	.....	.....	$20 00	.....	.....	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	67 70
Ponca	27 00	3 60	3 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	34 70
Rising City	21 00	2 60	1 50	4 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 85	36 10
Roca	5 00	2 00	1 00	31 15	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42 15
Stella	.....	.....	.....	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Tekamah	6 00	1 00	.....	13 26	.....	95	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	56 21
West Point	9 45	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 85	17 85
Wilber	2 50	50	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 35
York	3 80	50	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 30
Yutan	3 60	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 60

Treasurer's Exhibit of Receipts for Year Ending September 15, 1909.—*Concluded.*

	General Fund.	Synodical Fee Fund.	Delegate to General Convention.	Thank-Offering.	Christmas Offering.	May Memorial.	Life Members.	E. V. Day Girls' School in Africa.	Girls' School in India.	South Omaha Church.	Long Beach Church.	Silver Anniversary Fund.	St. Thomas Church, N. Y.	Nursery in India.	Nebraska's Tablet in Hospital.	Thirtieth Anniversary Fund.	Totals.
Young People's Societies.																	
Beatrice	$3 56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$3 56
Nebraska City	21 35	.....	.....	$23 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44 46
Roca	1 00	$1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00
Wilber	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Mission Bands.																	
Davenport	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	$0 50	.....	$1 00	3 00
Oshkosh	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Rising City	.....	65	.....	$1 08	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 73
South Auburn	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00
York	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
West Point Junior C. E.	5 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 85
Personal.																	
F. F. Haase	.....	1 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 10
Miss L. A. Bender	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00
Mrs. Fred. Fredrickson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25	1 25
Totals	223 37	$30 54	$15 19	163 34	$9 25	$1 55	$20 00	$22 00	$1 00	$14 25	$4 00	$0 60	$1 75	$4 00	$6 75	$32 00	548 59

Committee on Resolutions.

Your committee begs leave to submit the following:

1. *Resolved*, That it is with profound gratitude that we look back over the year that has past and note the goodness of our Heavenly Father in enabling us to accomplish so much in His vineyard.

2. *Resolved*, That we will endeavor to put forth greater efforts to accomplish more and better results during the year just beginning.

3. *Resolved*, That we rejoice in the prosperity of the two missions on our territory supported by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, namely, Frieden's Church, Lincoln, and our South Omaha Mission. That we will lend a helping hand whenever needed.

4. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our gratitude to the people of South Auburn for the cordial reception they have given us, the whole-hearted hospitality with which they have entertained us and to the members of St. Paul's and the German congregations for the use of their churches.

5. *Resolved*, That it is with sorrow that we hear of the affliction of Miss Suda Wood, whose devotion to the Master's work has been so helpful during the years of the past. We hereby extend to her our heartfelt sympathy and pray that she may be speedily recovered to health. The Secretary is hereby authorized to communicate this action to Miss Wood.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. A. WHITE,
MISS EMMA MUSSER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

The documents referred to this committee are letters from Mrs. E. D. Miller, Treasurer, Kansas City; Mrs. Helen C. Beegle, Field Secretary, Springfield; the Historian's report and the report from the Western Conference Superintendent.

These letters and reports having been read before the convention, the committee desires in this manner to express their hearty appreciation of Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Beegle for their kindly greetings and the exceedingly helpful and suggestive message thus given us. We commend especially the pleas they make for the enlarging of our work.

We commend the faithful and painstaking efforts of the Historian and the Conference Superintendent.

We recommend:

1. That a vote of thanks be extended to Mrs. Miller and Mrs.

Beegle, and that the Secretary be instructed to send them this special message of our appreciation.

2. That the reports in our hands of the officers be printed in full in our Minutes.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. LUTHER P. LUDDEN,
MISS SARAH GROSSMAN.

Received and referred to committee.

Report of Auditing Committee.

The committee appointed to audit the books and papers of the Treasurer find the books excellently kept and entirely correct.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. PAUL SPRINGER,
MRS. L. J. SAYLOR.

Adopted.

Report of Magazine Secretary.

During the past year I have written 17 letters, 38 postal cards and sent samplpe copies of *Lutheran Woman's Work* to churches not having woman's societies.

Responses received: 5 letters and 16 postal cards.

Reports have not been received from all societies, consequently I cannot give number of subscriptions.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. L. J. SAYLOR.

Received and referred to committee.

Report of the Committee on Literature.

The close of another Synodical year has come and with it the duty of another annual report.

Each year shows advancement in the work of our Literature Committee, for it is a growing work, with its ever new occasions bringing new duties. The helpful United Study movement continues more popular than ever, for each year's study touches some vital question that is before the world. Then in addition to this general great study movement there are the maps, charts, pictures and many tracts of our own General Society, and in addition to all of these things we have our own "up-to-date" and inspiring *Lutheran Woman's Work*.

One of the puzzling questions before your committee is how to get all this good literature into the hands of the large number of women of our Church who do not belong to our several local Societies and thus assist in interesting them in this world-wide missionary movement of the women, for the advancement of the Master's kingdom. It is just the old plea for a larger circulation,

and we ask the hearty co-operation of every woman in all our Societies.

The financial exhibit this year is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand at last report	$2 50	
Dakota City	50	
North Platte	50	
Beatrice	50	
Davenport	50	
York	50	
Rising City	50	
Lincoln	50	
Yutan	50	
Roca	50	
Omaha Kountze Memorial	50	
Ponca, two years	1 00	
Tracts sold, maps, etc.	5 60	
		$14 10

DISBURSEMENTS.

For stamps and supplies	$3 53	
For literature	5 21	
		8 74
Balance on hand		$5 36

All bills have been paid in full so far as they have been presented.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. LUTHER P. LUDDEN.

Received and referred to committee.

Historian's Report.

Each returning milestone adds to our age and greatness. Not like the snow-ball on the lawn have we rolled and gathered greatness by gathering everything in the way, to vanish as quickly as it came, but like the mountain rill gathering to its self power and usefulness as we onward go, to finally empty into the great sea of eternity.

My only regret is that so few have a lively interest in adding to our historian collection. We could each, or as a society, strive to contribute one item of value to the collection each year. This would make our reports better and give you the satisfaction of helping to rear our historical monument. For the past year from the societies we report:

1. The interest and attendance encouraging.
2. An increase in membership.
3. Nine societies use the United Study course.
4. Contributions have increased.
5. Best methods of conducting and creating interest.
6. Two observe the twilight hour of prayer.
7. The study of a country, its people, customs and religions are the most interesting lessons in missionary work.

To the collection have been added since last year:

1. The Minutes of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society from its beginning, neatly bound in cloth.
2. Guntur Mission report for the year ending September 30, 1908.
3. The book, "Nearer and Farther East," of the United Study course.
4. A hand-book of the Lutheran Deaconess Mother-House in Baltimore.
5. Seventh biennial report of the Deaconess Board, given at Richmond, Ind., June, 1909.
6. *Lutheran Church Work*, vol. I, 1908.
7. *Lutheran Woman' Work*, 1908.
8. Minutes of the General Convention held at Dixon, Ill., May, 1909.
9. Monthly tracts for the year.

Two workers have been added to our Life Membership: Mrs. Olivia C. Pelle and Mrs. Oleva Kuehn, both of Omeha, Nebr.

Death has called to their reward the following members: Mrs. D. M. Nieswanger; Mrs. Wm. Armour, Dakota, Neb.; Mrs. W. F. Poot, Tekamah, Neb., and Mrs. Irwin, Omaha, Neb.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. M. A. MOSTERT.

Received and referred to committee.

Report of the Mission Band Superintendent.

Your superintendent begs leave to submit the following report:

During the year I have not deemed it advisable to write as many letters as in other years, from the fact that but few responses are ever given such letters. I have written a few letters and personally urged Mission Band work as I have met persons I thought might be interested.

At McCool Junction Mission Band work has been done through the Sunday school with good result. The same was done at Grace Lutheran church at Lincoln, Neb.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. R. A. WHITE.

Received and referred to committee.

Report of Secretary of the Home Department.

Your Secretary of the Home Department reports as follows:

Letters written during the year to every auxiliary in the Synodical Society.

Beatrice reports a Home Department in Sunday school which has gathered in all available for that kind of work.

Lincoln has organized a Home Department in the Sunday school. I do not think the time propitious just now for such an organization in their missionary society, but express willingness to consider this as future work, with the hope that it may then go on with interest and much success.

Davenport has worked for a Home Department, but their victims preferred to join the regular society—so much good done.

Some deplore their lack of workers; that is the case with *North Platte*. The few willing workers we have are so busily engaged in other lines of church activity that together with their home duties and responsibilities is all they can possibly undertake, but let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into his field. North Platte has ample material for a good Mission Band, had we those to care for it.

I wish the importance of the Home Department might be laid on the hearts of delegates and visitors at convention. It is so easy for the Corresponding Secretary, or whoever this Secretary's appeals are addressed to, to send in an answer in the negative. I wish to thank those, if any are present, who sent such kindly, courteous and encouraging replies to my letters as Secretary. May I again plead that the work of the Home Department be considered at convention. We can never arrive to the full height of our strength as organized Lutheran women until we get all those gathered in with us who cannot attend the regular meetings.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. FRED FREDRICKSON.

Received and referred to committee.

In Western Conference.

No new societies have been organized during the year, but I think an organization may soon be effected at Sidney and possibly one at Paxton.

Some of the churches on this territory are too young and struggling to undertake missionary endeavors, at least they think so. You may think these are meager results reported, but yet I feel the field has been worked; if the work is continued, planting time will soon come, and in due time the harvest. May the Lord give blessings.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. F. FREDRICKSON.

Received and referred to committee.

Report of Executive Committee.

Your Executive Committee has held three meetings since last convention. The first immediately after convention at Hardy, all officers present except the Historian.

All bills presented were allowed.

Second meeting was held at Lincoln, February 18th, Mesdames Ludden, Badger and Mostert and Misses Matie and Maude C. Martin present. Motions passed, that Minutes be bound; that a box be packed at convention for the Home Field; that money for expenses of delegate to General Convention be raised before convention, this to be acted on at Synodical convention.

Third Executive Committee meeting was held at Beatrice, June 22d, all officers present except Vice-President and Corresponding Secretary. Motion passed, that our Treasurer be allowed to place the $1.00 in Bed Fund for payment of tablet, and that her action be approved; also that we accept the suggestion of the President that $5.00 lacking on payment of tablet be raised by special contributions. After reports of Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary, the program for convention was arranged.

Respectfully submitted, MAUDE C. MARTIN.

Report of Committee on Executive Committee's Report.

The document placed in the hands of your committee shows that three meetings were held during the year. At these meetings all necessary business was transacted. We approve the binding of the Minutes of past conventions. We approve the arrangement for packing a missionary box, and the efforts to raise the expenses of the delegate to the General Convention prior to the meeting of this convention. We recommend that these actions of the committee be approved.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. R. A. WHITE,
MRS. J. A. LOWE.

Adopted item by item.
Adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Corresponding Secretary's Report.

We have carefully examined reports and made corrections, as instructed by convention.

Respectfully submitted, ELIZABETH S. HAASE,
MRS. W. J. STAHL.

Adopted.

Report of Box Work.

Number of letters written 32, number of cards written 21. Letters were sent to 24 organized societies as listed in last year's Minutes, asking them to aid in Home Mission Box-Work. At the same time the request was made to report the amount in dollars and cents by September 15th.

Following is the report:

Auburn	$4 00	Omaha, Kountze Memorial	$38 75
Beatrice	3 00	Roca	4 00
Benson	4 00	Rising City	8 50
Dakota, Emmanuel	7 50	Tekamah	5 10
Davenport	4 57	West Point	2 50
Grand Island	5 00	York	1 00
Lincoln	14 65	Yutan	3 00
Nebraska City	3 15		
North Platte	7 00		
Ponca	10 00	Total	$125 72

Other boxes sent during year—

Omaha, Kountze Memorial church	$56 00	
West Point, Christmas box to Africa	3 30	
York	31 50	
		90 80

Total for Box-Work during year..... $216 52

This has been my first experience in Box-Work outside of our home society, and when I fail to meet your approbation please draw the mantle of charity. I herewith thank our President, Mrs. Badger, for her kind advice and counsel.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. A. B. C. HELLER.

Received and referred to committee.

Report of Committee on Department Secretaries' Reports.

The Committee on Reports of Secretaries submits the following:

The Literature Committee was very good, and we join with her in advocating a wider use of our literature.

The report of the Box-Work Committee shows an increased interest in Box-Work and a systematic preparation for our Synodical box, and we commend her for her efficient work. We would recommend that a box be packed at next convention.

The Home Department Secretary's report shows very efficient and earnest work, and we recommend that a Home Department be one of the aims of every auxiliary society.

In the report of the Secretary of Young People's Department we

note the zealous discharge of all duties and rejoice over the organization of a new society at Wilber.

In the report of the Superintendent of Mission Bands we note her activity, particularly in her personal work. We would urge the organization of a Mission Band in every congregation.

In the report of the Magazine Secretary we note the faithful performance of her duties, and we would recommend that the societies respond promptly to the calls of the Secretaries and officers.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. O. M. KUEHN,
MRS. F. H. KIMMERLING,
MAUDE C. MARTIN.

Report of Committee on President's Report and Report of Delegate to General Convention.

Your Committee on President's Report and Report of Delegate to General Convention submit the following:

We find the President's report is a thorough review of our work both at home and in the foreign field and shows that she has been active and efficient in her duties as President.

We would recommend that this body express their thanks to our worthy President for the faithfulness and zeal with which she has discharged the duties of her office.

We would further emphasize her suggestion that we make this coming year a rally year.

We note the President in her report speaks of the interest with which we will look for the action of the Synodical Societies on the memorial sent from our Grand Island convention to the General Convention and adopted by the same as follows. (See page 116, Minutes General Society.)

We recommend that this convention provide post cards with printed resolutions and space for name of Synodical President, also space for date of adoption, with a request to fill and send to General Executive Committee as soon as adopted.

We recommend that that portion of the report pertaining especially to our Nebraska work be printed in the Minutes.

The report of our delegate to General Convention we find carefully prepared and interesting. We note with pleasure the gift of Sylvanus Stahl of $10,000.00.

We rejoice in the sisterly love and unity expressed in the hearty assent of the convention to the International Day of Prayer, November 28th.

Respectfully submitted,

MATIE MARTIN,
MRS. MOSTERT.

Adopted.

Report of delegate to General Convention was accepted with a rising vote of thanks.

The President asked that each delegate on her return home read the minutes of the General Convention from cover to cover.

Address, Rev. Luther M. Kuhns.

Rev. Frank D. Altman, D. D., President of the Western Theological Seminary spoke to the ladies urging them to do their utmost to bring boys into the ministry.

A rising vote of thanks was given Rev. Kuhns for his very excellent address on Foreign Missions, and to Dr. Altman for the presentation of his work.

Mr. John H. Kuhns spoke to the children, fifty of whom were present, giving an account of life in Japan and Korea, interesting and instructive to both old and young.

The box-packing service, in charge of Mesdames Stahl and White, was very beautiful and impressive.

A paper on Box-Work was read by Mrs. Stahl.

Each delegate, in presenting the offering for the box, gave an appropriate verse of Scripture. Value of box was $125.72.

Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Devotional service led by Mrs. Stahl.

Prayer, Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D.

Roll-call. Minutes read and approved.

Dr. Wolf spoke of Woman's Work for women in India, and was given a rising vote of thanks.

The printing of the cards as per recommendation of the Committee on President's Report left to the Executive Committee.

Motion passed that the Treasurer be bonded for $500.00, with salary of $5.00 per year.

All bills, amounting to $34.44, were allowed.

Motion passed that offerings of this Convention be used to pay current expenses of same.

Motion prevailed that President send one of the printed cards to the General Society.

Offering, $4.96.

Election of Officers.

President—Mrs. Roy Mareen Badger.

Vice-President—Miss Matie Martin.

Recording Secretary—Miss Maude C. Martin.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Lydia A. Bender.

Treasurer—Miss Elizabeth S. Haase.

Mrs. Ferricks, of North Auburn, was introduced and spoke a few words to the ladies.

Motion passed that we have a closing consecration service at 2:00 p. m.

Adjourned with prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Prayer, Mrs. J. A. Lowe.

Election of Mrs. Lowe as delegate to convey greetings to Kansas Convention.

Motion prevailed that Treasurer have receipts printed.

An invitation for next Convention received from Beatrice. Accepted on condition that Synod meet there.

Announcement of Secretaries—

Literature—Mrs. L. P. Ludden.

Box-Work—Mrs. A. B. C. Heller.

Thank-offering—Mrs. J. W. Stahl.

Home Department—Mrs. Fred Fredrickson.

Young Peoples' Societies—Miss Mary Johnson.

Mission Band—Miss Sarah Grossman.

Magazine—Mrs. L. J. Saylor.

Conference Superintendents—

North Platte—Mrs. Oleva Kuehn.

South Platte—Mrs. J. A. Lowe.

Western—Mrs. Fred Thompson.

Minutes read and approved.

Rev. G. R. Wiencke was introduced and greeted the ladies.

Dr. Groh presented greetings from Synod, speaking kindly words to those present.

Hymn, "My Faith Looks up to Thee."

"Nearer, My God, to Thee," was sung, and between each verse portions of 28th chapter of Genesis read by the President.

Prayer, Mrs. Badger.

Closed with benediction, and the President declared the Twenty-ninth Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society closed.

MAUDE C. MARTIN,
Recording Secretary.

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